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PREFACE.

To any one who watches the signs of the times, it must be obvious that an increasing number of persons, even in Churches of the freest ritual, are coming to the conclusion that it is an advantage in public worship to have a Book of Common Prayer. Doubtless the extempore outpouring of the minister will still be preferred by many, partly from the force of long custom, and partly from a conviction that words fresh from the heart are better adapted, both to call forth and to express genuine fervour, than prayers read from a book: but others will care more for the fitness than the newness of the language; and, instead of becoming weary of the familiar phrase, will find endearing associations cluster round it, and will feel a warmer glow of devotion from the thought, that they are uniting,

not only with their fellow-worshippers immediately around them, but with many Christian assemblies far and near. Nor will forms of expression which evidently belong to a bygone time be without a peculiar sacredness, if we think of them as having served to clothe the homage and desires of devout men who have long passed from this world.

The Reformation, as an insurrection of individual faith and the inward spirit against ecclesiastical method and tradition, favoured the habit of "free prayer," and made it almost co-extensive with Protestantism. In this country, however, the grand exception presented by the National Church was not without effect upon the taste and feeling of the less extreme Puritans themselves; especially of those among them who hoped, by some enlargement of her latitude, to be reinstated within her pale. Baxter and Calamy, it is well known, stood near enough to the Church to be drawn into negociations with her for the admission of their people: and, had reasonable concessions been made to them with regard to particular parts of the Book of Common Prayer, their nonconformity would have ceased. They pressed no scruple against a stated form of worship; and, had not the exclusive clerical party defeated all proposals for a "comprehen-

sion," were ready to exchange the usages of the conventicle for those of the parish church. From that time, the use of free prayer among the English Presbyterians is due to the necessity of external position rather than of internal conviction. Shut out from the National Communion, they fell back upon the modes of worship most congenial to their scattered, unorganised, and (as they still hoped) merely provisional life. But from time to time local experiments were made of Liturgical Forms, betraying the old tendency to qualify individual fervour by regulated order. It is quite in harmony therefore with the history of the English Presbyterians, that a body of London Ministers, inheriting their traditions and their name, their protest against creeds which divide Christians, their longing for a worship which unites, should have conceived the design of a new Liturgical compilation, to be gathered, in a catholic spirit, from the devotional writings of every Christian age. To one of their members they accordingly gave the commission,—with promises of help which have been more than fulfilled,—to revise the Services in use in the Church of England, and to make additions from other sources, after having carried out more fully a course of reading which has always been

his delight. The first design was to introduce nothing new. To abide by this limitation however was found impracticable, from the necessity of adapting parts to the whole, and also from the requirements of theological honesty. It was moreover strongly felt by some, that only in combination with a new element could the old have its greatest worth, and provide for the several varieties of need. For, notwithstanding the uniformity of our spiritual nature, and the fixity of Christian truth, insensible changes are always taking place in the atmosphere and colouring of piety, as Christendom passes from season to season of its experience. The life of to-day, while drawing its nutriment from the whole past, grows into something different, and has a character and feeling of its own; which, not less than the elder moods of our humanity, has its confession to make and its consecration to seek. Every age, in taking up the chorus of ancient devotion, throws in some quality of tone not heard before: the hymn is the same, but the voice is different. As in literature and art, so in religion, thought and affection need something more than self-repetition: they demand some freshness of movement: they are as running waters, which, however mighty and noble the re-

ceptacles they have already filled, still overflow, and cannot stay. It is therefore no irreverence toward the past,—rather is it a testimony to its vivifying power,—to feel a want beyond its resources of devotional expression; nor is any generation of the Christian Church true to its inheritance, which pretends to live upon it, yet has nothing to add to it. With a view to reach more effectually some chords of modern feeling, certain of the forms now published were entrusted for re-construction to another hand. The result was not a re-arrangement, as was at first contemplated, but the preparation of two new Services, the Ninth and Tenth; which left no doubt in the minds of those who have taken the most active part in this attempt, of the desirability of combining treasures new and old. It is right to add that the author of these two Services has not confined his help to the part from his own pen, but has extended it to the last revision of the whole.

As to its theology, the work will speak for itself. All its prayers, as prayers of Christ's disciples, are addressed to Him whom Christ himself addressed, the "Father" who "heard him always." None of the three creeds, nor any substitute, will be found in its pages: because it is prepared for a

body of Christians who, while owning the importance both of definite individual conviction, and of broad average concurrence among the members of the same church, yet object upon principle to making definitions of belief part of the act of worship, and would, as far as possible, prevent the scruples of opinion from intersecting and breaking the voice of common prayer.

The number of Services may be thought too great; but it appeared better that those who think this should set their own limit in use, than that a part of what had been accepted as having real worth should be discarded. The length of these Services is not half that of the Morning Service in use in the Church of England, and will afford the minister, in his prayer before sermon, an opportunity of speaking out of the fulness of his heart, if he should be moved to exceed the length of an ordinary collect.

The general Order of the Book of Common Prayer has been preserved in the two Services from that source; but, as that order evidently bears the impress of a time when not Confession only but Absolution was held to be a condition precedent of all acceptable prayer, and a stress no longer possible to us was laid on the mere *opus*

operatum of public worship, another arrangement has been adopted in the rest of the Services, as being on the whole more natural and consonant with present views and feelings.

The alternate reading of the Psalms by Minister and People has been abandoned. In many instances there would be appropriateness in making the second clause of a verse the response to the first: but a little attention to the sense shows that the reading of the verses by Minister and People in turn was not originally intended, and is hardly a practice to be continued. It has been thought better to leave the Minister at liberty to select the first lesson from the Psalter, as well as from the rest of the Old Testament.

To the musical elements of the Service careful attention has been paid; and the whole of the words intended to be sung, having been properly marked for chanting, will very shortly be separately published, in conjunction with the text of a suitable set of Anthems. In order not to disfigure the present volume for the reader, the poetical pieces have been printed as in the Book of Common Prayer; that is, the division of versicles for chanting is marked by a *colon:* which, therefore, loses for the time its grammatical

significance, and serves simply a purpose of musical notation. In certain Psalms where the number of verses is uneven, a bracket will be observed, embracing three of them. This will point out, in case a double chant is used, the place where its second part can best be repeated, without breaking up natural couplets in the poem.

The most ancient hymns of the Christian Church were little else than a cento of passages from the poetical parts of Scripture, combined in a new order, and woven into one tissue by a few connecting phrases and the presence of a pervading idea. Such a production constitutes the *Canticle*, as distinguished from the *Psalm*, which is taken from Scripture entire, or modified only by omissions. The "*Benedicite omnia opera*," or "Song of the three children," given in the Book of Common Prayer as alternative to the "*Te Deum*," affords an old example of the Canticle. Whether the editors of the present volume have allowed themselves, especially in the Ninth and Tenth Services, too bold a resort to this kind of composition, they must leave to be decided by the test of experience. The doubt, they are well aware, will arise, as a first impression, in every reader's mind who brings to the book no standard

of judgment but that of usage. They hope however that by degrees, as the unity and natural sequence of parts make themselves felt, the freedom which they have used will be justified. It would be a mistaken and unwarrantable demand on the Hebrew Psalms to expect that very many of them should be capable, as connected wholes, of serving the exigencies of worship in a Christian congregation: and yet, in common with the Prophetic writings, they supply in detail an inexhaustible store of the richest and deepest religious expression. In order to render them available as organs of present thought and feeling, without invading their original character, their permanent elements of power must be reproduced in fresh forms, which make no pretension to identity, yet are shaped by sympathy, with the strains of David or Isaiah. For this reason, the compilers have frequently had recourse to the Canticle, rather than coerce entire passages of Scripture into a service foreign to their nature.

The Canticle can always be composed in subservience to the laws and structure of the chant. In this respect it has a mechanical advantage over the Psalm, whose inequalities in

the English version are inexorably given; and still more, over the "*Te Deum*," the "Holy, Holy, Holy," and other pieces of solemn import but irregular form. These latter, indeed, are intrinsically unfitted for chanting: and, though in the following pages they have been divided into versicles, in order not to disappoint those who else could not use them at all, it would be well for organists and choirs to set them, wherever possible, to musical compositions special to themselves.

In the "Christian Year," the word *Lent* will not be found. This omission has been made not simply because the original meaning and the present use of that word are widely different, but also because it is considered better to leave each individual to the thoughts and feelings awakened by the approach of Good Friday and Easter, than to prescribe a formal preparation, extending over a set period.

The "Christian Year" is followed by a somewhat copious collection of "Prayers and Thanksgivings." The object of this collection was to preserve a rich treasury of devotion suited to both public and private use; and especially to enable the Minister

to make the Services *seasonable*. At an appointed place he may introduce, now a Prayer suited to Spring, now a Thanksgiving for the ingathering of harvest. And as in prosperous times the Church will utter her note of gladness, so also in times of anguish and mourning, she will speak with us and for us to Him from whom cometh our help. By a thoughtful use of this part of the work, the worship may be brought into close harmony with the chequered experiences of our earthly lot.

In our communion with our heavenly Father, and our meditations on things unseen, it is natural that we should have in especial remembrance that part of the great human family, which has already passed into the eternal world: and it is believed that the Prayers of "Commemoration for the Faithful Departed," introduced in the ordinary Services, will meet a want general and deep-felt, though perhaps not frequently expressed.

As this volume has not been prepared without an increasing sense of the difficulty of producing a true and adequate expression of Christian Worship, even with the widest range in the selection of materials, so it is with great diffidence that the printed sheets are issued from the press.

And now nothing remains but to lay our offering on the Altar of God, begging him to accept it as "the lisping of his children," and to let his blessing rest on it, and on those who turn to it for help in drawing near to his throne of grace.

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MORNING PRAYER.

¶ *The Minister shall say one or more of the following sentences, and then the Address which comes after; all standing.*

WHEN the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. *Ezek.* xviii. 27.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. *Ps.* li. 17.

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. *Joel* ii. 13.

The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. *John* iv. 23, 24.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 *John* i. 8, 9.

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God, our heavenly Father; but confess them with a lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his

hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me;

¶ *A General Confession to be said by the whole Congregation after the Minister; all kneeling.*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, that through him we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

¶ *Then the Lord's Prayer, to be said by the People after the Minister.*

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then likewise he shall say:*

O Lord, open thou our lips.

People. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

¶ *Then shall be said or sung the following Psalm; all standing.*

VENITE, EXULTEMUS DOMINO. PS. XCV.

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving: and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible: the only wise God;

Be honour and glory: for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be read the* First Lesson, *taken out of the Old Testament.*

¶ *After that, shall be said or sung the following Hymn, called* Te Deum Laudamus:

WE praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee: the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens and all the Powers therein.

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim: continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and Earth are full: of the Majesty of thy Glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles: praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs: praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge thee,

The Father: of an infinite Majesty;

Thy beloved, true: and glorified Son;

Thy Holy Spirit also: the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory: [of Glory] O God.

Thou didst not suffer: thy Holy One to see corruption;

Thou gavest him the victory: over Sin and Death;

And openest the Kingdom of Heaven: to all the faithful;

And callest us thither: by the Spirit of adoption.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants: whom thou hast redeemed in thy boundless love.

Make them to be numbered with thy saints: in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people, and bless thy heritage: govern them, and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify thee: and we worship thy name ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord: to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded

¶ *Or the following Canticle:*

BENEDICITE, OMNIA OPERA.

O ALL ye Works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Sun and Moon, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Stars of Heaven, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Winter and Summer, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Nights and Days, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O all ye Green Things upon the earth, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Whales, and all that move in the waters, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Fowls of the Air, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O all ye Beasts and Cattle, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Children of Men, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Spirits of the Righteous, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Holy Men of humble heart, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

Glory be to God most High: the ever-blessed Father;

Who is, and was, and shall be: world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be read the* SECOND LESSON, *taken out of the New Testament.*

¶ *After that, shall be said or sung the following Hymn:*

BENEDICTUS. Luke i. 68.

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel: for he hath visited and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us: in the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets: which have been since the world began;

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers: and to remember his holy covenant;

That we might serve him without fear: in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people: for the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death: and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Now unto the God of grace: for the might of his Spirit and the love of Christ;

Be glory in the Church throughout all ages: world without end. Amen.

¶ *Or the following Psalm :*

JUBILATE DEO. PS. C.

O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;

We are his people: and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving: and into his courts with praise:

Be thankful unto him: and speak good of his name.

For the Lord is gracious: his mercy is everlasting;

And his truth endureth: from generation to generation.

Now unto the God of grace: for the might of his Spirit and the love of Christ;

Be glory in the Church throughout all ages: world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say the following Prayers; all kneeling, and the People responding with* 'AMEN.'

¶ *And first, three Collects; the first of the Day; the second for Peace; the third for Grace to live well.*

The Second Collect, for Peace.

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth

our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; grant us, thy servants, we humbly beseech thee, that peace which the world can neither give nor take away; that we, who in all our dangers rely on thy goodness, may under thy fatherly protection be defended against all adversities, and evermore rejoice in thy blessed service, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Third Collect, for Grace.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that which is righteous in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *In Quires and Places where they sing, here may follow an Anthem or Hymn.*

¶ *Then the following Prayers and Intercessions.*

For the Queen.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler

of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our Sovereign, Queen VICTORIA; and so replenish her with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that she may alway incline to thy will, and walk in thy way: endue her plenteously with heavenly gifts: grant her in health and wealth long to live; and after this life may she attain everlasting joy and felicity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Royal Family.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless all the Royal Family: endue them with thy Holy Spirit: enrich them with thy heavenly grace: prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

For the Christian Church.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; send down upon all Ministers of the gospel, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual

dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O God, for thy great love in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For the High Court of Parliament, to be read during their Session.

MOST gracious God, we humbly beseech thee, as for this Kingdom in general, so especially for the High Court of Parliament at this time assembled: that thou wouldest be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations to the advancement of thy glory, the good of thy Church, the safety, honour, and welfare of our Sovereign and her dominions; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessaries, for them, for us, and thy whole Church, we would humbly beg in the faith and spirit of thy Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For all Conditions of men.

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and

conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the Church Universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; [*especially those for whom our prayers are desired;*] that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for thy mercy's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

This to be said when any desire the prayers of the congregation.

A General Thanksgiving.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men; [*par-*

This to be said when any that have been prayed for desire to return praise.

ticularly to those who desire now to offer up their praises and thanksgivings for thy late mercies vouchsafed unto them.]

We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.

ETERNAL God, in whom the spirits of just men do rest in peace from their labours; we thank thee for all those who have departed this life in thy fear and love, and whose works do follow them beyond the grave. Blessed be thy mercy and eternal goodness, O God; and blessed be the memory of all thy saints in our hearts. Teach us who now dwell upon earth to practise

their doctrine, to imitate their lives, and to follow their example as they have followed Christ and thee. *Amen.*

¶ *Here may be introduced at the discretion of the Minister any seasonable Prayer from the Collection entitled* PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS.

Concluding Prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee, and hast especially encouraged us by thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to make known unto thee our humble requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* 2 *Cor.* xiii. 14.

Or

THE peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. *Amen.* *Phil.* iv. 7.

SECOND SERVICE.

EVENING PRAYER.

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in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. *John* iv. 23, 24.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 *John* i. 8, 9.

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with a lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite

and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me;

¶ *A General Confession to be said by the whole Congregation after the Minister; all kneeling.*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, that through him we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

¶ *Then the Lord's Prayer, to be said by the People after the Minister.*

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then likewise he shall say:*

O Lord, open thou our lips.

People. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

¶ *Then shall be said or sung the following Psalm; all standing.*

CANTATE DOMINO. PS. xcviii.

O SING unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvellous things.

His right hand and his holy arm: hath gotten him the victory.

The Lord hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the nations.

He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

Sing unto the Lord with the harp: with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.

Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof: the world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands: and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord;

For he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world; and the people with equity.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible: the only wise God;

Be honour and glory: for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Or the following Canticle:*

THE Lord hath commanded his loving-kindness in the daytime: and in the night season also,

my song shall be of him, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

As long as I live will I magnify thee in this manner: and lift up my hands in thy name.

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as incense: and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.

For thou art the portion of my inheritance and of my cup: and thou wilt maintain my lot.

Behold, he who keepeth his people: will neither slumber nor sleep;

He is about my path and about my bed: and beholdeth all my ways.

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest: for it is thou only, O Lord, who makest me to dwell in safety.

I will remember thee upon my bed: and diligently search out my spirit.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible: the only wise God;

Be honour and glory: for ever and ever. Amen.

EVENING.

¶ *Then shall be read the* First Lesson, *taken out of the Old Testament.*

¶ *After that, shall be said or sung the following Psalm:*

Deus misereatur. Ps. lxvii.

GOD be merciful unto us and bless us: and cause his face to shine upon us.

That thy way may be known upon earth: thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth yield her increase: and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us: and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Glory be to God most High: the ever-blessed Father;

Who is, and was, and shall be: world without end. Amen.

SECOND SERVICE.

¶ *Then shall be read the* SECOND LESSON, *taken out of the New Testament.*

¶ *After that, shall be said or sung the following Hymn:*

NUNC DIMITTIS. Luke ii. 29.

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen: [have seen] thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Now unto the God of grace: for the might of his Spirit and the love of Christ;

Be glory in the Church throughout all ages: world without end. Amen.

¶ *Or the following Canticle:*

MISERICORDIAS DOMINI. Ps. lxxxix.

I WILL sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

The heavens shall praise thy wonders, O Lord: thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.

Who in the heaven can be compared unto the Lord: who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the Lord?

God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints: and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him.

O Lord God of hosts, the heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: as for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.

Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.

In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

Now unto the God of grace: for the might of his Spirit and the love of Christ;

Be glory in the Church throughout all ages: world without end. Amen.

SECOND SERVICE.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say the following Prayers; all kneeling, and the People responding with* 'AMEN.'

¶ *And first, three Collects; the first of the Day; the second for Peace; the third for Aid against all Perils.*

The second Collect at Evening Prayer.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended in every hour of danger may pass our time in rest and quietness. *Amen.*

The third Collect, for Aid against all Perils.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night. *Amen.*

¶ *In Quires and Places where they sing, here may follow an Anthem or Hymn.*

¶ *Then the following Prayers and Intercessions.*

For the Queen.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler

of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our Sovereign, Queen VICTORIA; and so replenish her with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that she may alway incline to thy will, and walk in thy way: endue her plenteously with heavenly gifts: grant her in health and wealth long to live; and after this life may she attain everlasting joy and felicity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Royal Family.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless all the Royal Family: endue them with thy Holy Spirit: enrich them with thy heavenly grace: prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

For the Christian Church.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; send down upon all Ministers of the gospel, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the

healthful spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O God, for thy great love in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For the High Court of Parliament, to be read during their Session.

MOST gracious God, we humbly beseech thee, as for this Kingdom in general, so especially for the High Court of Parliament at this time assembled: that thou wouldest be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations to the advancement of thy glory, the good of thy Church, the safety, honour, and welfare of our Sovereign and her dominions; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessaries, for them, for us, and thy whole Church, we would humbly beg in the faith and spirit of thy Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For all conditions of men.

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts

and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the Church Universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; [*especially those for whom our prayers are desired;*] that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for thy mercy's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

This to be said when any desire the prayers of the Congregation.

A General Thanksgiving.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men; [*particu-*

This to be said when any that have been prayed for desire to return praise.

larly to those who desire now to offer up their praises and thanksgivings for thy late mercies vouchsafed unto them.]

We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.

O LORD most High, with thy whole Church throughout the world we give thee thanks for all thy faithful servants who, having witnessed in their lives a good confession, have left the light of their example to shine before thy people on earth. Mercifully grant that by thy fatherly blessing we may be enabled to follow them in all virtuous and godly living, and that hereafter we may

be with them and thy glorified Son in thy heavenly presence. *Amen.*

¶ *Here may be introduced at the discretion of the Minister any seasonable Prayer from the Collection entitled* PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS.

Concluding Prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee, and hast especially encouraged us by thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to make known unto thee our humble requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* 2 *Cor.* xiii. 14.

Or

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. *Amen.* *Phil.* iv. 23.

SECOND SERVICE.

Or

THE peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. *Amen.* *Phil.* iv. 7.

THIRD SERVICE.

MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER.

¶ *The Minister shall say one or more of the following sentences, and then the Address which comes after; all standing.*

ASK, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. *Matt.* vii. 7, 8.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven. *Matt.* vii. 21.

Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? *Micah* vi. 6. 8.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. *Ps.* xxiv. 3, 4, 5.

DEARLY beloved brethren, again we rest from the active duties of our earthly pilgrimage to sing our songs of gratitude and adoration, and renew our souls at the fountains of life. We are not strangers or servants, but children of the household of God. With humble and fervent spirits let us offer up our prayers to him who, though he dwelleth on high, yet never faileth to listen to the lowly and contrite who call upon him. And when we leave this place, may we all with fresh zeal and love go on our way rejoicing to the blessed and everlasting home.

¶ *The Minister shall then say the following Prayer; all kneeling, and the People responding with* 'AMEN.'

THOU, O Lord most High, art our light and our life, our strength and our joy, our refuge

in distress, our ever-present friend and helper. Inspire us, we beseech thee, with thoughts suited to thy most holy presence. As disciples of Jesus Christ thy Son, and with great love to him, we would come to thee: may it be also in his spirit. We would be mindful how far off from thee we should have been without him, and how near to thee he will lead us, if we humbly and steadfastly yield ourselves up to his guidance. Thou, Lord, hast made all things, and art wonderful in all thy doings; yet art thou most wonderful and glorious in thy works of love and mercy. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Lord's Prayer, to be said by the People after the Minister.*

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THIRD SERVICE.

¶ *Then shall be said or sung the following Psalm; all standing.*

JUBILATE DEO. Ps. lxvi.

MAKE a joyful noise unto God: O all ye lands;

Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious.

All the earth shall worship thee: and shall sing unto thy name.

Thou rulest by thy power for ever: thine eyes behold the nations.

O bless our God, ye people: and make the voice of his praise to be heard;

Who holdeth our soul in life: and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us as silver is tried.

I will go into thy house with offerings: I will pay thee my vows.

Come and hear, all ye that fear God: and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

I cried unto him with my mouth: and he hath heard me.

He hath attended to the voice: of my supplications.

Blessed be God, who hath not turned away my prayer: nor his mercy from me.

To the Only Holy, the First and the Last: be thanksgiving and praise;

From all kindreds and tongues on earth: and the voices of saints in heaven. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be read the* FIRST LESSON, *taken out of the Old Testament.*

¶ *After that, shall be said or sung the following Hymn, called* TE DEUM LAUDAMUS:

WE praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee: the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens and all the Powers therein.

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim: continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of hosts;

Heaven and Earth are full: of the Majesty of thy Glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles: praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs: praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge thee,

The Father: of an infinite Majesty;

Thy beloved, true: and glorified Son;

Thy Holy Spirit also: the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory: [of Glory] O God.

Thou didst not suffer: thy Holy One to see corruption;

Thou gavest him the victory: over Sin and Death;

And openest the Kingdom of Heaven: to all the faithful;

And callest us thither: by the Spirit of adoption.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants: whom thou hast redeemed in thy boundless love.

Make them to be numbered with thy saints: in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people, and bless thy heritage: govern them, and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify thee: and we worship thy name ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord: to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

¶ *Or the following Verses.*

ECCE SERVUS MEUS. Is. xlii.

BEHOLD my servant, whom I uphold: my chosen, in whom my soul delighteth;

I have put my Spirit upon him: he shall give laws unto the nations.

He shall not cry, or strive: nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.

A bruised reed shall he not break: and the smoking flax shall he not quench;

He shall give laws according to truth: he shall not fail nor be discouraged;

Until he shall have established laws on the earth: and distant nations shall wait for his teachings.

Thus saith the Lord God: who created the heavens, and spread forth the earth;

Who giveth breath to the people upon it: and spirit to them that walk thereon;

Behold, the former things are passed away: and new things do I declare.

Sing unto the Lord a new song: and his praise from the end of the earth.

Glory be to God most High: the ever-blessed Father;

Who is, and was, and shall be: world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be read the* SECOND LESSON, *taken out of the New Testament.*

¶ *After that, shall the Minister and the People say; all standing:*

BLESSED, O Lord, is the people that know the joyful sound of thy gospel.

People. They shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.

Minister. Illuminate according to thy good pleasure all nations with the brightness of thy truth.

People. O Lord, give the word, and great shall be the company of preachers.

Minister. Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that

love him; but he hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit.

People. O Lord, who is like unto thee?

Minister. Create in us a clean heart, O God.

People. And renew a right spirit within us.

Minister. Cast us not away from thy presence.

People. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

¶ *Or, instead of the foregoing alternate sentences, may be said or sung the following Psalm:*

BENEDIC, ANIMA MEA. Ps. ciii.

BLESS the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul: and forget not all his benefits;

Who forgiveth all thy iniquities: who healeth all thy diseases;

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction: who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies.

The Lord is merciful and gracious: slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins: nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as the heaven is high above the earth: so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

As far as the east is from the west: so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Like as a father pitieth his children: so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

For he knoweth our frame: he remembereth that we are dust.

Now unto the God of grace: for the might of his Spirit and the love of Christ;

Be glory in the Church throughout all ages: world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister and the People say the following Prayer; all kneeling.*

TO us, O holy Father, belong shame and confusion of face, because we have sinned against thee; but to thee belong mercies and forgiveness. O shut not up thy loving-kindness in displeasure. Turn again, when thou hearest the cry of the truly penitent; and grant that being humbled by thy mighty hand, and brought to a deep sense of our sins, we may so watch against temptation, and be so helped and strengthened by thy favour, as hereafter to serve and please thee in newness of life.

People. We do earnestly repent; we are heartily sorry for our misdoings.

Minister. O holy and merciful Father, may all the world know and feel that at what time soever a sinner doth repent him of his ways from the depths of his soul, thou wilt put away his wickedness out of thy remembrance, through thy great love revealed to us in Jesus Christ.

People. He who brought glad tidings hath said, There is joy in Heaven over one sinner that repenteth.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say the following Prayers; the People responding with* 'AMEN.'

O BLESSED and eternal God, enable us to understand and make use of all the proper helps of duty; and kindle in our souls a flame of devotion which no difficulty or contradiction, no infirmity within or persecution without, may ever extinguish. Give us grace that we may in all things ask first what is thy good pleasure, follow the best examples, do the noblest charities; ever pressing forward to the mark of our high calling in Christ Jesus. Grant that we may keep watch against the omission of any part of our duty, and the neglect of any opportunity by which thou canst be glorified, or

any fellow-man instructed, assisted, or comforted. *Amen.*

MAY the grace of thy Holy Spirit, O Lord, enlighten our hearts, and abundantly refresh them with the sweetness of perfect charity, that we may be well-pleasing in thy sight as true disciples of thy Son. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY Father, whose gifts to us on earth are a foreshadowing of thy heavenly favour; we would bring to thee the offering of glad and grateful hearts for thy past bounties to us, which are more than we can number, greater than we can know. For the wonderful uses, and the no less wonderful beauties, of the outward world; for the example of the wise and good; for the friendship of those who are dear to us; for the revelation of thy character and will by Jesus Christ; for the helps of thy Spirit and the promises of the gospel; for all the mercies of thy Providence, we give thee humble and heartfelt thanks. O may we show our grateful sense of thy loving-kindness by our lives, as well as express it with our lips; and may it be

our frequent employment now, as we trust it will be hereafter, to utter the memory of thy great goodness and to sing of thy praise. *Amen.*

¶ *Here may be introduced a Collect for Morning or Evening, and the Collect for the Day, or any seasonable Prayer from the Collection entitled* PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS.

¶ *In Quires and Places where they sing, here may follow an Anthem or Hymn.*

¶ *Then the following Prayers and Intercessions.*

O THOU Almighty Friend, who lovest all and forgettest none; we offer up our humble supplications for this land of our fathers; for thy servant our QUEEN, that her days may be many, her commands just and equal, her people faithful, and her government happy; for the Royal Family, that we may be blessed with a succession of Princes devoted to thy most holy service; for all such as are in authority, [and especially the High Court of Parliament], that they may consult thy honour, the true interest of this kingdom, and the welfare of mankind; for the Pastors of Christ's flock, that they may constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke and oppose sin, and be living examples of those graces and virtues which they recommend to others. Remember, we be-

seech thee, our kindred according to the flesh; and that we may walk in our homes with a perfect heart, unite us to one another by mutual love, and to thyself by works of piety and holiness. Be thou a shield to the young, and a staff to the aged. May parents bring up their children in holy nurture; and may children love, honour, and obey their parents. When we are laid in our graves, may those who come after us serve thee in their day better than we have done in ours, and be unto thee a name and a praise in all generations. In thy fatherly loving-kindness, O Lord, be thou the strength of the needy, a refuge from the storm, and a shadow from the heat. Be a father to the fatherless: support those who are on the bed of languishing; and according to the greatness of thy power preserve thou those that are appointed to die. O Thou who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, remember every work of thy hand for good; and visit the world in that mercy which thou hast so signally manifested in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, accept, we beseech thee of thy goodness, the high praise

and heartfelt thanks we offer unto thee for thy wonderful graces manifested in thy saints, who have shone forth as lights in their several generations; Patriarchs, Prophets, and Martyrs, whom we commemorate with gladness of heart; and for whom, with all other thy happy servants, our fathers and brethren, departed this life in thy faith and fear, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; humbly entreating that we may have grace so to follow their blessed examples, that, when we also take our leave of this world, we may be united with them in the resurrection of the just and the fellowship of heaven. *Amen.*

O THOU Fountain of all goodness, accept the prayers which we have this day fervently offered up at the footstool of thy throne. May we be always as ready to acknowledge and use thy gracious gifts, as we are to ask them in the time of our need. Cast out from us all evil, and work in us a fulness of holiness, of wisdom, and spiritual understanding; that increasing in the knowledge of thee, we may be fruitful in every good work, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THE Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us; the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us, and give us peace. *Amen.* *Numb.* vi. 24–26.

Or

NOW the Lord of peace himself give us peace always by all means. The Lord be with us all. *Amen.* 2 *Thess.* iii. 16.

FOURTH SERVICE.

MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER.

¶ *The Minister shall say one or more of the following sentences, and then the Address which comes after; all standing.*

WHAT prayer or what supplication soever shall be made of any man or of all thy people, when every one shall know his own sore and his own grief, and shall spread forth his hands in this house: hear thou from thy dwelling-place, even from heaven; and when thou hearest, forgive. 2 *Chron.* vi. 21. 29.

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; bring an offering and come into his courts. *Ps.* xcvi. 8.

If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there remember that thy brother hath aught against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. *Matt.* v. 23, 24.

In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. Trust in him at all times, ye people; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. *Ps.* lxii. 7, 8.

Surely the Lord is in this place. This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven. *Gen.* xxviii. 16, 17.

DEARLY beloved brethren, let us draw nigh to the throne of grace in the spirit of Jesus Christ, that we may offer to our heavenly Father the spiritual worship which he seeketh. So will our voice ascend as that of children, and bring down a Father's blessing.

¶ *The Minister shall then say the following Prayer; all kneeling, and the People responding with* 'AMEN.'

NOT as being worthy, but trusting in thy loving-kindness, O God most High, we draw near to thee. Not as we would, but as we are able, we bring to thee our devout offerings. Purify us, we beseech thee, from all guile; unite us to one another in the bonds of love and peace; pour down upon us thy spiritual gifts, and grant us every blessing in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Lord's Prayer, to be said by the People after the Minister.*

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister and the People say:*

Minister. The Lord be with you.
People. And with thy spirit.
Minister. Lift up your hearts.
People. We lift them up unto the Lord.

¶ *Then shall be said or sung the following Psalm; all standing.*

EXALTABO TE, DEUS. PS. CXLV.

I WILL extol thee, my God, O King: and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless thee: and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised: and his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall praise thy works to another: and shall declare thy mighty acts.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion: slow to anger and of great mercy.

The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.

All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord: and thy saints shall bless thee.

They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom: and talk of thy power.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him: even to all that call upon him in truth.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible: the only wise God;

Be honour and glory: for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Or the following Psalm:*

CONFITEMINI. Ps. cxxxvi.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him that made great lights: for his mercy endureth for ever.

The sun to rule by day: for his mercy endureth for ever.

The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy endureth for ever.

And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who giveth food to all flesh: for his mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy endureth for ever.

To the Only Holy, the First and the Last: be thanksgiving and praise;

From all kindreds and tongues on earth: and the voices of saints in heaven. Amen.

FOURTH SERVICE.

¶ *Then shall be read the* FIRST LESSON, *taken out of the Old Testament.*

¶ *After that, shall be said or sung the following Canticle:*

HOLY is thy name, O God: and glorious in the heavens.

Thou art the one true God: and there is none other like thee.

Thou hast visited and redeemed thy people: through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom we have access to thy throne of grace: as children to the presence of a father.

In him did the fulness of thy Spirit dwell: that he might impart thereof to all mankind.

Though tempted as we are, he sinned not: neither was guile found in his mouth.

In him was thy Word made flesh: to be a word of life to all the earth.

He became obedient to the death of the cross: that he might perfect thy will concerning us;

And having passed through death to life: hath entered into his rest and glory.

O God, for the sake of thy dear love in him: make us, we beseech thee, of thy kingdom.

Glory be to God most High: the ever-blessed Father;

Who is, and was, and shall be: world without end. Amen.

¶ *Or the following Song of Praise:*

HOLY, holy, holy: Lord God Almighty!

Who wast, and art, and art to come: who shall not glorify thy name?

For thou only art holy: thou only art the Lord.

Hallelujah: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

The kingdoms of this world: have become the kingdoms of our God and of his Christ.

And God shall reign for ever and ever: King of kings and Lord of lords.

Glory be to God most High: the ever-blessed Father;

Who is, and was, and shall be: world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be read the* SECOND LESSON, *taken out of the New Testament.*

¶ *After that, shall the Minister and the People say; all standing:*

JESUS said, the first of the commandments is, Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord;

and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment.

People. Write these words in our hearts: O Lord, we beseech thee.

Minister. And the second is like, namely, this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

People. Write these words in our hearts: O Lord, we beseech thee.

Minister. There is none other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

People. Glory to God in the highest: on earth peace and goodwill toward men. Amen.

¶ *Or, instead of the foregoing alternate sentences, may be said or sung the following Psalm:*

QUO IBO A SPIRITU TUO. PS. CXXXIX.

O LORD, whither shall I go from thy Spirit: or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in the grave, behold thou art there.

If I take the wings of the morning: and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there shall thy hand lead me: and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, surely the darkness shall cover me: even the night shall be light about me.

Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee, but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

How precious are thy thoughts unto me, O God: how great is the sum of them!

If I should count them: they are more in number than the sand.

Now unto the God of grace: for the might of his Spirit and the love of Christ;

Be glory in the Church throughout all ages: world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister and the People say the following Prayer; all kneeling.*

O GOD most holy, who hast abundantly assured us that, while thou art strict to punish those who continue in their sins, thou art a gracious and tender Father to the penitent, and wilt open thine ear in compassion to the prayers of all such as with heartfelt shame and sorrow confess their sins before thee; show us, we beseech thee,

our transgressions as they truly are: pardon us for the evil we have done: judge us not for the good we have left undone: work in us to will and to do thy good pleasure; that being sanctified by thy Spirit we may serve thee in a religious and holy conversation, as true disciples of thy Son Jesus Christ.

People. Search us, O Lord, and know our hearts.

Minister. Try us and know our thoughts, and see if there be any wicked way in us.

People. And lead us in the way everlasting.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say the following Prayers; the People responding with* 'AMEN.'

GOD our Father, we receive with all thankfulness the manifold testimonies thou hast given us of thine incomprehensible love and favour towards us through thy dearly beloved Son; and most humbly we bow our knees unto thee, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that thou wouldest grant us, according to the riches of thy glory, to be strengthened with might by thy Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in

our hearts by faith; and that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the length and breadth and depth and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that we may be filled with all the fulness of God. *Amen.*

O LORD our God, the bountiful source of all good; we bless thee for our lives, and the gifts of grace, of nature, and of society; for instruction in divine truth; for the voice of thy calling, repeated so often; for thy patience, thy long-suffering, thy very long forbearance towards us, who often and grievously, very often and very grievously, have sinned against thee; for all the benefits we have received; for all the little good we may have done; for the enjoyment of present good; for thy promise and our hope of good to come; for loving parents, for wise teachers, for benefactors never to be forgotten; for brethren of one mind with us; for kind friends, for faithful servants, for all who by their writings, or words, or example, have helped us in our heavenward way. For all these, and for all other known or unknown, remembered or forgotten mercies, we praise thee, and will praise; we bless thee, and

will bless; we thank thee, and will give thee thanks, now and for ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Here may be introduced a Collect for Morning or Evening, and the Collect for the Day, or any seasonable Prayer from the Collection entitled* PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS.

¶ *In Quires and Places where they sing, here may follow an Anthem or Hymn.*

¶ *Then the following Prayers and Intercessions.*

ALMIGHTY God, who didst send thy Son to establish a kingdom of righteousness on earth; we earnestly beseech thee for the whole Christian Church. Fill it with all truth, and in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where it is right, strengthen and confirm it; where it is in want, supply it; where it is divided and rent asunder, unite and heal it. And we beseech thee, most dear Father, for all such as labour in the ministry of thy blessed gospel; that it would please thee so to guide them by thy Holy Spirit, that they may be found wise, steadfast, and zealous of thy glory; directing always their studies unto this end, that the poor sheep who are gone astray out of thy flock may be sought out and brought again unto *the chief* shepherd, our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

ETERNAL and ever-blessed Ruler, in whose hands are the hearts of kings and princes, and who hearest the cry of the lowly; we humbly beseech thee to bless our Sovereign the QUEEN: and as thou hast placed her over us in thy mercy and preserved her by thy mighty power, so, O Lord, do thou multiply on her thy excellent gifts. Preserve and bless all the Royal Family. And we pray thee for all our Rulers and Magistrates, that thou wouldest be pleased to endue them with wisdom and strength, and all those capacities and dispositions which are suited to their high office. Grant that all men in their calling may be faithful to the work thou hast given them to do and the trust thou hast committed to them, and may help to promote the godly peace and prosperity of this land; on which, we pray thee, let thy fatherly blessing rest. So, with peace in its gates and plenty in its homes, may this kingdom be thine to the end of time. *Amen.*

O HEAVENLY Father! who hast commanded us to love one another as thy children, and hast ordained the highest friendship in the bond of thy Spirit; we beseech thee to maintain and preserve us therein, with all those to whom we are

bound by any especial tie. Send down upon us the dew of thy heavenly grace, and pour thy Spirit into our hearts, that, walking in thy way all the days of our lives, we may have joy in each other that passeth not away; and, having lived together in love here, may hereafter live for ever together in that blessed kingdom, to which thy glorified Son will welcome all his faithful disciples. *Amen.*

O THOU whose help is always nearest when most needed; comfort those who mourn and are oppressed with their afflictions, or labour under the burden of a troubled mind: relieve the poor, and defend the cause of the fatherless and the widow: strengthen those who languish on the bed of sickness, and those who are departing from this world. Keep them all from sinning against thee, and from being overwhelmed by too heavy a sorrow. Let the events of their lives be under the control of reason and thy Holy Spirit, and end in holiness, in peace, and joy eternal. *Amen.*

ETERNAL God, in whom the spirits of just men do rest in peace from their labours; we bless and praise thy holy name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; and espe-

cially for those most dear to us, of whom we have good hope that they are fallen asleep in Jesus; and we beseech thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples that even here we may be united to them in fellowship of spirit, and that finally we may be gathered together with them into the bosom of thy love. *Amen.*

O LORD, who art King of all the earth, and Father of mankind; now of thine infinite goodness accept the offerings, which with a free and joyful heart we bring to thee; and do thou grant that the blessings thou mayst vouchsafe to us may be devoted to thy service and the welfare of thy people, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* 2 *Cor.* xiii. 14.

Or

GRACE and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord. *Amen.* 2 *Pet.* i. 2.

Collect for Morning.

MOST gracious God, who strengthenest the weak and renewest the weary, and givest to thy faithful servants a peace which the world can neither give nor take away; may this season of heavenly rest be entirely free from sin, as from labour and worldly care; and let thy grace abound in our hearts that we may be in the spirit on this Lord's Day. *Amen.*

Collect for Evening.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, by whose Providence both the day and the night are governed; vouchsafe, we beseech thee, as thou hast this day preserved us by thy goodness, so still this night to overshadow us by the blessed wing of thy most bountiful protection; that we, being armed with thy defence, may be preserved from all adversities that may hurt the body, and from all wicked thoughts that may assault and defile the soul. *Amen.*

FIFTH SERVICE.

MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER.

¶ *The Minister shall say one or more of the following sentences, and then the Address which comes after; all standing.*

I WAS glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem. *Ps.* cxxii. 1, 2.

Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. *Is.* lvii. 15.

Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. *Matt.* xviii. 20.

DEARLY beloved brethren, the preparations of the heart are with the Lord. Let us beseech him to help us in our infirmities by his Holy Spirit, that the praise and supplications

which we offer up with one voice and one heart may be acceptable to him, and bring down an answer of peace to our souls.

¶ *Then shall the Minister and the People say the following alternate sentences; all kneeling.*

Minister. O Lord, open to us the gates of righteousness:

People. And we will go in at them.

Minister. Blessed is the man whom thou choosest and causest to approach thee;

People. That he may dwell in thy courts.

Minister. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house;

People. Even of thy holy temple.

Minister. As rest is sweet to the weary and the cooling stream to him that is athirst, so let thy day and thy house be rest sweet unto us, and thy word a fountain of living water. As the hart desireth the water brooks, so may our souls thirst after thee, and our hearts and our flesh rejoice in the living God. *Amen.*

¶ *Or, instead of the foregoing alternate sentences, the following Prayer may be said by the Minister; the People responding with* 'AMEN.'

O LORD our God, who hast brought us to the beginning of another week, and vouchsafed

to us this season of holy rest; look down, we pray thee, on thy worshipping people now before thee. May we have in remembrance thy works of righteousness and of love, and in our humble measure feel what that divine goodness must be, which continues to take care of us from week to week and from year to year, and which was the same in the time of our fathers and the old time before them. But most of all, O heavenly Father, we thank thee for thy boundless grace and mercy in Jesus Christ. In his spirit may we come to thee at this time with our glad homage and filial obedience. O Thou, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse, we beseech thee, the thoughts of our hearts by the inspirations of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee and worthily magnify thy hallowed name. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Lord's Prayer, to be said by the People after the Minister.*

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be said or sung the following Psalm, all standing.*

CANTATE DOMINO. PS. XCVI.

O SING unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

Sing unto the Lord, bless his name: shew forth his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the heathen: his wonders among all people.

For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods.

Honour and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people: give unto the Lord glory and strength.

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering and come into his courts.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

Say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved; he shall judge the people righteously.

Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad: let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.

Let the field be joyful and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord;

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he will judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible: the only wise God;

Be honour and glory: for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be read the* FIRST LESSON, *taken out of the Old Testament.*

¶ *After that, shall be said or sung the following Hymn, called* TE DEUM LAUDAMUS:

WE praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee: the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim: continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of hosts;

Heaven and Earth are full: of the Majesty of thy Glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles: praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs: praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge thee,

The Father: of an infinite Majesty;

Thy beloved, true: and glorified Son;

Thy Holy Spirit also: the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory: [of Glory] O God.

Thou didst not suffer: thy Holy One to see corruption;

Thou gavest him the victory: over Sin and Death;

And openest the Kingdom of Heaven: to all the faithful;

And callest us thither: by the Spirit of adoption.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants: whom thou hast redeemed in thy boundless love.

Make them to be numbered with thy saints: in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people, and bless thy heritage: govern them, and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify thee: and we worship thy name ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord: to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

¶ *Or the following Psalm:*

DOMINUS REGIT ME. PS. xxiii.

THE Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me: thou anointest my head with oil, and my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life: and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Glory be to God most High: the ever-blessed Father;

Who is, and was, and shall be: world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be read the* SECOND LESSON, *taken out of the New Testament.*

¶ *After that, shall the Minister and People say; all standing:*

I HEARD a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and he himself will be with them and be their God.

People. He that hath an ear, let him hear.

Minister. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new; I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

People. He that hath an ear, let him hear.

Minister. And he that was dead and is alive said, To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

People. He that hath an ear, let him hear.

Minister. Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him.

People. He that hath an ear, let him hear.

Minister. Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord; yea, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labours, and their works do follow them.

People. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

¶ *Or, instead of the foregoing alternate sentences, may be said or sung the following Psalm:*

CONSERVA ME DOMINE. PS. xvi.

PRESERVE me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.

I have said unto the Lord, Thou art my Lord: I have nothing good without thee.

The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.

I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night season.

I will set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

For thou wilt not leave my soul in the grave: neither wilt thou suffer thy holy one to see corruption.

Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Now unto the God of grace: for the might of his Spirit and the love of Christ;

Be glory in the Church throughout all ages: world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister and the People say the following Prayer; all kneeling.*

O MOST mighty God and merciful Father, who hast compassion on all men and hatest nothing that thou hast made, who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his wickedness and live; manifold are our offences, and only as sinful can we appear before thee.

People. We are not worthy to be called thy children.

Minister. Receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our transgressions.

People. Mercifully forgive and help us, O Lord our God.

Minister. O Thou who madest water spring out of a rock for thy people in their thirst, draw from our stony hearts the tears of compunction, that we may truly bewail our sins; and as our consciences by sin are accused, so by thy fatherly goodness may we be pardoned, and received into the fellowship of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Minister shall say the following Prayers; the people responding with* 'AMEN.'

O HEAVENLY Father, thy word is a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path: we humbly beseech thee that thou wouldest be pleased to open and enlighten our minds, through Jesus Christ who is the true light of the world, that we may understand thy word in its plainness and purity, and frame accordingly the whole course of our lives. *Amen.*

¶ *Instead of the foregoing Collect, the two following may be used:*

O GOD, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might create us anew and make us sons of God and heirs of eternal life; grant, we

beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; and that we may be more and more conformed to his likeness until our lives' end, and then be admitted into thy glorious and everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings, without charity, are nothing worth; send thy Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. *Amen.*

¶ *Then these Prayers in continuance.*

O GOD of infinite mercy, in whose loving-kindness we trust for the supply of all our wants; vouchsafe to us such a portion of temporal good as may be needful to support us in our journey through life: preserve us from sad accidents and all evil: sanctify our hearts and direct our ways, that we may be united to thee by the living bond of obedience and charity; and that, always feeling the presence of our gracious and merciful Father, we may become a holy family before thee, and be received hereafter into the

family of heaven, for which thou didst send thy best beloved Son to prepare us. *Amen.*

O LORD God, Fountain of comfort and help, of life and peace, of plenty and pardon, who fillest heaven with thy glory and earth with thy goodness; we give thee the most humble and earnest returns of a glad and thankful heart for the blessings of nature and the blessings of grace, for the support of every minute and the gifts of every day. What are we, O Lord, and what is our fathers' house, that the great God of men and angels should multiply upon us the proofs of his loving-kindness? Praised be the Lord daily, even the Lord that helpeth us and poureth his blessings upon us. Blessed be the name of his majesty for ever, and let all the earth be filled with his glory. *Amen.*

¶ *Here may be introduced a Collect for Morning or Evening, and the Collect for the Day, or any seasonable Prayer from the Collection entitled* PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS.

¶ *In Quires and Places where they sing, here may follow an Anthem or Hymn.*

¶ *Then the following Prayers and Intercessions.*

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make supplica-

tions and to give thanks for all men; we humbly entreat thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually all thy sincere worshippers with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: and grant that all they that do confess the name of Christ may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love. We beseech thee also to preserve and defend all lawful kings, princes, and governors, especially thy servant VICTORIA our Queen, that under her we may be peaceably governed. And grant unto her whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue. Give wisdom, O heavenly Father, to all the Ministers of thy holy gospel, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively word. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that with meek heart and due reverence they may hear and receive thy holy word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to

comfort and succour all those who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy name for all thy servants departed this life in thy holy fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be made partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. In these our requests we beseech thee, O God, to hear and to accept us as true disciples of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; we beseech thee to have compassion on our infirmities; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us in the fulness of that tender love and care for us, which thou hast made known to us in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O LORD most High, may our souls ever glow with thankfulness to thee, our gracious and merciful Father, the all-holy and eternal; and may we love thee above all, and all mankind in thee. Consecrate and accept, we beseech thee, these our

offerings of gratitude and adoration, which we would bring to thee in the faith and spirit of thy Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* 2 *Cor.* xiii. 14.

Or

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. *Amen.* *Phil.* iv. 23.

Or

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. *Amen.* *Phil.* iv. 7.

SIXTH SERVICE.

MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER.

¶ *The Minister, entering the desk, and the People, standing, shall say:*

Minister. Glory be to God, all glory be to him who did, as on this day, create the light, and command it to shine on the face of the deep! How much more glorious is that light which shines in upon our minds, by the example of patriarchs, the revelations of prophets, the sweet solace of holy psalms, the instruction of wise proverbs, the profit and experience of faithful histories!

People. Blessed be his name for this light which no darkness ever overspreads, this sun which never goes down.

Minister. God is the Lord who hath shewed us such light.

People. His mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

SIXTH SERVICE.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

DEARLY beloved brethren, it is surely as sweet and needful as it is fitting that we should spend in the house of prayer a part of our day of rest. Almighty God hath revealed himself as one to whom we may give thanks for the blessings of life, whom we may seek for guidance in our difficulties, for strength in our weakness, for pardon of our sins, and for renewal of our spirits. Let our resolutions of obedience, our worship, and our submission, have faith and love in them, as well as sincerity and earnestness; so will this be a true meeting-time between the Father in heaven and his children on earth.

¶ *The Minister shall then say the following Prayer; all kneeling, and the people responding with* 'AMEN.'

THOU, O Lord, art our strength, our refuge, and only deliverer. Teach our tongues fit words to call upon thee. Open within us the fountains of prayer and holy meditation: reveal to us thy truth; quicken us by thy spirit; love us with the love which thou bearest to thy children. Thou hast given us thy best beloved Son; with him give us, we beseech thee, all other things that are needful for us. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Lord's Prayer, to be said by the People after the Minister:*

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be said or sung the following Psalm; all standing.*

BENEDICAM DOMINO. PS. xxxiv.

I WILL bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me: and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord and he heard me: and delivered me from all my fears.

They looked unto him and were enlightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him: and saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him: and delivereth them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous: and his ears are open unto their cry.

The face of the Lord is against them that do evil: to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth: and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart: and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible: the only wise God:

Be honour and glory: for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be read the* FIRST LESSON, *taken out of the Old Testament.*

¶ *After that, shall be said or sung the following Psalm:*

CŒLI ENARRANT. PS. xix.

THE heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

Day unto day uttereth speech: and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

There is no speech nor language: where their voice is not heard.

Their sound is gone out through all the earth: and their words to the end of the world.

In them hath he set: a tabernacle for the sun,

Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber: and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit from the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honey-comb.

Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can understand his errors: cleanse thou me from secret faults.

Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins: let them not have dominion over me.

Then shall I be upright: and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart: be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Glory be to God most High: the ever-blessed Father;

Who is, and was, and shall be: world without end. Amen.

¶ *Or the following Psalm:*

UNAM PETII A DOMINO. PS. XXVII.

ONE thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

To behold the beauty of the Lord: and to enquire in his temple.

I will offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy: I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.

Hear my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee: have mercy also upon me and answer me.

When thou saidst, Seek ye my face: my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

Hide not thy face far from me: thou hast been my help;

Leave me not, neither forsake me: O God of my salvation.

Teach me thy way, O Lord: and lead me in a plain path.

I had fainted: unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait on the Lord, be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, upon the Lord.

Glory be to God most High: the ever-blessed Father;

Who is, and was, and shall be: world without end. Amen.

SIXTH SERVICE.

¶ *Then shall be read the* SECOND LESSON, *taken out of the New Testament.*

¶ *After that, shall be said the following Beatitudes:*

Minister. And Jesus, seeing the multitudes, went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: and he opened his mouth and taught them, saying, Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

People. Thy word, O Lord: will I hide in my heart.

Minister. Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted.

People. Thy word, O Lord: will I hide in my heart.

Minister. Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth.

People. Thy word, O Lord: will I hide in my heart.

Minister. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled.

People. Thy word, O Lord: will I hide in my heart.

Minister. Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy.

People. Thy word, O Lord: will I hide in my heart.

Minister. Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God.

People. Thy word, O Lord: will I hide in my heart.

Minister. Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God.

People. Thy word, O Lord: will I hide in my heart.

Minister. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

People. Enable us, O Lord: to obey thee in all things;

And may we inherit all these blessings: through thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister and the People say the following Prayer; all kneeling.*

O THOU to whom belong mercies and forgiveness, receive our humble petitions; and though we be bound with the chain of our sins, yet in the pitifulness of thy great mercy, O Lord, help us, we

beseech thee, that we may be set free, and be admitted to the glorious liberty of the sons of God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

People. If thou wert strict to mark iniquity, O Lord, who could stand?

Minister. May we so remember our sins as to forsake them; and then do thou remember them no more.

People. Hide not thine ear at our breathing, at our cry.

Minister. Thou, O God, hast pleaded the cause of our souls; thou hast redeemed our life.

People. O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endureth for ever.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say the following Prayers; all kneeling, and the People responding with* 'AMEN.'

HONOUR and praise be unto thee, O Lord God Almighty, our Father in heaven, for all thy loving-kindness to us; for forming us after thine own image, for creating us anew by thy dear Son, for quickening us by thy Holy Spirit, for helping us in our necessities and dangers, comforting us in our tribulations and sorrows, and sparing us until this hour, the living to praise thee. O mer-

ciful Father, as we acknowledge to have received these benefits of thy great goodness, so we beseech thee to grant us always thy Holy Spirit; that we may continually grow in thankfulness to thee, and be led into all truth. O Lord, strengthen our faith; kindle in us a fervent love towards thee and our neighbour. Suffer us not, most gracious Father, to receive in vain the rich and precious treasure of thy word. May it purify us from evil, and increase in us those heavenly virtues which were perfected in Jesus Christ. Hold thou us, that we may be delivered from all temptations, and may walk according to thy holy will until our lives' end. *Amen.*

O GOD, who hast commanded that no man should be idle, give us grace to employ all our talents and faculties in the service appointed for us; that whatsoever our hand findeth to do we may do it heartily: yet grant, O good Lord, that no worldly business, no worldly pleasure, may ever divert our thoughts from the life to come. Cheerfully may we go on in the road which thou hast marked out, not desiring too earnestly that it should be either more smooth or more wide;

but daily seeking our way by thy light, may we trust ourselves and the issue of our journey to thee, the fountain of joy, and sing songs of praise as we go along. Then, O Lord, receive us at the gate of life which thou hast opened for us in Christ Jesus. *Amen.*

¶ *Here may be introduced a Collect for Morning or Evening, and the Collect for the Day, or any seasonable Prayer from the Collection entitled* PRAYERS AND THANSKGIVINGS.

¶ *In Quires and Places where they sing, here may follow an Anthem or Hymn.*

¶ *Then the following Prayers and Intercessions.*

O THOU who graciously acceptest the intercessions of thy children on earth; inspire the Ministers of thy holy gospel with great zeal for thy glory, for the honour of Christ our Lord, and for the salvation of thy people; and grant that all the members of the Church Universal may be joined together in the bond of a living faith. May *we* know and experience the blessedness of communion with each other in the rites of a holy worship, and in mutual acts of charity and kindness. Give us grace that we may persevere in

the ways of godliness, and that at length we may enjoy the full blessedness of communion with thee and with thy glorified Son and with each other in thy eternal kingdom. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God who rulest over all the kingdoms of the world, and disposest of them according to thy good pleasure; we pray for thy blessing on our beloved QUEEN. Let thy wisdom be her guide, and thine arm her strength: let justice, truth, and holiness, let peace and love, flourish in her day: direct all her counsels and endeavours to thy glory and the welfare of her people. And, O Lord, together with our beloved Queen, bless, we beseech thee, the Royal Family; that they all, ever trusting in thy goodness, protected by thy power, and crowned with thy mercy and endless favour, may live in peace, joy, and honour; and, after long and happy lives upon earth, may obtain the life everlasting revealed by Christ Jesus thy Son. *Amen.*

WE give thee thanks, O Lord God most holy, and praise thy glorious Majesty for all the

graces and virtues thou hast wrought in thy servants who have departed this life in thy faith and fear, and have entered into their rest. We thankfully commemorate their piety, and rejoice in the heavenly blessedness which thou hast graciously prepared for them. May we so celebrate their memories that we may emulate their holy conversation, and finally dwell with them and with the King of saints in thy glorious presence. *Amen.*

FATHER of mercies, the only rest of weary souls, the only joy of sorrowful hearts; pity the helpless; be a friend to the widow and the orphan; succour the poor and oppressed; deliver the tempted; sustain the sick, and receive in mercy the spirits of the dying. O God, in thy fatherly tenderness send relief or consolation to all the afflicted, through the angel of mercy that strengthened thy Son to drink the bitter cup. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, our portion and our hope, who turnest not away the soul that seeks thee; we beseech thee mercifully to incline thine

ear unto us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which we have asked faithfully, according to thy will, we may obtain effectually, to the relief of our necessities, the setting forth of thy glory, and the advance of the kingdom of thy Son. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* 2 *Cor.* xiii. 14.

Or

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds through Jesus Christ. *Amen.* *Phil.* iv. 7.

Or

THE Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us; the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us, and give us peace. *Amen.* *Numb.* vi. 24–26.

Collect for Morning.

ALMIGHTY God, our Father and Preserver, who hast watched over us during the darkness, and made us glad with the light of this day; grant that we may employ it in thy most holy service; and even as thou sheddest now the beams of the sun upon the earth to give light unto our bodies, so illumine our souls with the brightness of thy Spirit, to guide us in the paths of thy righteousness. *Amen.*

Collect for Evening.

O GOD, the strength of all them that trust in thee, we beseech thee to continue thy gracious protection to us this night; and as the day declineth, so make us mindful of the time when life also shall decline; and grant us always to live in such a state that we may never be afraid to die. Hold us ready for that rest which Christ has entered as our forerunner. *Amen.*

SEVENTH SERVICE.

MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER.

¶ *The Minister shall say one or more of the following sentences, and then the Address which comes after; all standing.*

O MAGNIFY the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. *Ps.* xxxiv. 3.

Ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 2 *Cor.* vi. 16.

God hath sent forth the spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore we are no more servants, but sons; and if sons, then heirs of God through Christ. *Gal.* iv. 6, 7.

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. 1 *John* iii. 1.

DEARLY beloved brethren, assembled in the house of God, let us each inwardly pray

for the spirit of Jesus Christ; and so let us offer up to the Lord of heaven and earth our humble worship and obedience.

¶ *Then shall the Minister and the People say the following alternate sentences; all kneeling:*

Minister. O Lord God, we will enter thy gates with thanksgiving;

People. And thy courts with praise.

Minister. Lift up your hearts.

People. We will lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister. At all times and in all places, we will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God. With angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Lord's Prayer, to be said by the People after the Minister.*

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be said or sung the following Psalm; all standing.*

QUAM DILECTA. Ps. lxxxiv.

HOW amiable are thy tabernacles: O Lord of hosts!

My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will still be praising thee.

They go from strength to strength: every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob.

A day in thy courts is better than a thousand: I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts: blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible: the only wise God;

Be honour and glory: for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be read the* FIRST LESSON, *taken out of the Old Testament.*

¶ *After that, shall be said or sung the following Psalm:*

EXULTATE, JUSTI. PS. xxxiii.

REJOICE in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

Praise the Lord with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery, and an instrument of ten strings.

Sing unto him a new song: play skilfully with a loud noise.

For the word of the Lord is right: and all his works are done in truth.

He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made: and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

He gathereth the waters of the sea together as *a heap*: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

For he spake and it was done: he commanded, and it stood fast.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord: and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

Glory be to God most High: the ever-blessed Father;

Who is, and was, and shall be: world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be read the* SECOND LESSON, *taken out of the New Testament.*

¶ *After that, shall be said or sung the following Hymn, called* TE DEUM LAUDAMUS:

WE praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee: the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim: continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of hosts;

Heaven and Earth are full: of the Majesty of thy Glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles: praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs: praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge thee,

The Father: of an infinite Majesty;

Thy beloved, true: and glorified Son;

Thy Holy Spirit also: the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory: [of Glory] O God.

Thou didst not suffer: thy Holy One to see corruption;

Thou gavest him the victory: over Sin and Death;

And openest the Kingdom of Heaven: to all the faithful;

And callest us thither: by the Spirit of adoption.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants: whom thou hast redeemed in thy boundless love.

Make them to be numbered with thy saints: in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people, and bless thy heritage: *govern* them, and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify thee: and we worship thy name ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord: to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

¶ *Or the following Canticle:*

THE heavens and the earth may perish: but Thou, O Lord, shalt endure.

Yea, they shall wax old like a garment: as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed;

But thou art the same: and thy years shall have no end.

The Lord is our strength and our song: and is become our salvation.

The voice of rejoicing and salvation: is in the tabernacles of the righteous.

We shall not die: but live and declare the works of the Lord.

Save now, we beseech thee, O Lord: O Lord, we beseech thee, send now prosperity.

Blessed is he that cometh: in the name of the Lord.

The stone which the builders refused: is become the headstone of the corner.

This is the Lord's doing: it is marvellous in our eyes.

Now unto the God of grace: for the might of his Spirit and the love of Christ;

Be glory in the Church throughout all ages: world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall follow this Litany, to be said alternately by the Minister and the People; all kneeling.*

Minister.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, who didst send thy Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; have mercy upon us, sinners as we are.

People.

O God, our heavenly Father, who by thy Son callest the wanderers home; have mercy upon us.

O God, who by thy Holy Spirit dost comfort, direct, and sanctify the hearts of thy faithful servants; have mercy upon us.

O God, who by thy Holy Spirit dost comfort, di-

rect, and sanctify the hearts of thy faithful servants; have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, for thy great love to us in Jesus Christ.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From fleshly lusts that war against the soul; from the deceits of the world; from the counsel of the ungodly, and from all sin,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our wealth; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

O Lord, be thou our hope and our stay.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy Church Universal in the right way;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to keep and strengthen in the true worshipping of thee, in righteousness and holiness of life, thy servant VICTORIA, our Queen;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to rule her heart in thy faith, fear, and love; and that she may evermore have affiance in thee, and ever seek thy honour and glory;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to be her protector, prospering her in every good work, and giving her help and comfort under all trials and afflictions;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and preserve all the Royal Family;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illuminate all Ministers of thy Son's gospel with true knowledge and understanding of thy word; and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth, and show it accordingly;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all who are in public trust and authority, giving them grace to execute justice and to maintain peace;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all thy people increase of grace to hear meekly thy word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred and are deceived;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand, and to comfort and help the weak-hearted, and to raise up them that fall, and finally to give us the victory over temptation;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to succour, help, and comfort, all that are in danger, necessity, and tribulation;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all that travel by land or by water, all sick persons, and young children; and to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to defend and provide for the fatherless children, and widows, and all that are desolate and oppressed;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all men;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so as in due time we may enjoy them;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy word;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Gracious Lord God, Father of mercies, we beseech thee to hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Through thy loving-kindness declared to us by Jesus Christ, hear us, O Lord.

Grant us thy peace.

Let us pray.

O GOD, merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful; mercifully assist our prayers that we make before thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and grant that we thy servants may evermore give thanks unto thee in the holy Church of thy Son Jesus Christ.

O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thy name's sake.

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

Both now and ever, vouchsafe to defend us, O Lord.

Pitifully behold the sorrows of our hearts.

Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.

O Lord, let thy mercy be showed upon us;
As we do put our trust in thee.

Let us pray.

WE humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and for the glory of thy name turn from us all those evils that we most righteously have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living. *Amen.*

¶ *Here may be introduced a Collect for Morning or Evening, and the Collect for the Day, or any seasonable Prayer from the Collection entitled* PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS.

¶ *In Quires and Places where they sing, here may follow an Anthem or Hymn.*

¶ *Then the following Prayers and Intercessions.*

O GOD, our heavenly Father, we give thee humble and hearty thanks for all the benefits and blessings, both spiritual and temporal, which in the riches of thy great mercy thou hast poured down upon us; but especially for thy spiritual blessings. Lord, let us not live but

to praise and magnify thy great goodness. Grant, we beseech thee, that all our thoughts, words, and works may tend to the discharge of our duty, the good of our fellow-men, and the advancement of thy Son's kingdom on earth. *Amen.*

O LORD most High, with thy whole Church throughout the world we especially give thanks to thee for all thy saints departed; and for the hope of future joy in the resurrection of the just. O let the cloud of witnesses, the innumerable company of those who have gone before and entered into rest, be to us an example of godly life: even now may we rejoice in their happiness; and with patience may we so run the race that is set before us, as to have an entrance administered abundantly into thy heavenly presence, to be united with them and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O THOU Father of our spirits, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray; often in the midst of our daily business may we lift up our hearts to thee; and grant, we humbly beseech thee, that those whom thou dost

refresh with thy presence may, by a life well-pleasing to thee, show their love and gratitude, as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* 2 *Cor.* xiii. 14.

Or

THE Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us; the Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace. *Amen.* *Numb.* vi. 24-26.

Or

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. *Amen.* *Phil.* iv. 23.

EIGHTH SERVICE.

MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER.

¶ *The Minister shall say one or more of the following sentences, and then the Address which comes after; all standing.*

KNOW ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise. *Ps.* c. 3, 4.

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. *James* iv. 8.

We have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. 1 *John* iv. 16.

Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of

my rest? For all those things hath my hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word. *Is.* lxvi. 1, 2.

DEARLY beloved brethren, in the holy quiet of this hour let us draw nigh to him who heareth prayer: and let us remember that he listeneth more to our hearts than to our words. Let each of us bring an offering of penitence, if not of purity; of love, if not of holiness; of teachableness, if not of wisdom; of devout obedience for the time to come, if not the fruits of well-doing in the time that is past. And may we obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

¶ *The Minister shall then say the following Prayer; all kneeling, and the People responding with* 'AMEN.'

O GOD, who by thy dear Son hast consecrated unto us a new and living way into thy holy presence; grant to us, we beseech thee, the assurance of thy mercy, and sanctify us by thy heavenly grace; that we, approaching thee with a pure heart and undefiled conscience, may offer unto

thee a sacrifice in righteousness, and celebrate thy blessed name in the faith and spirit of thy Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *Or else the following Prayer:*

O GOD, mercifully accept the prayers of thy holy Church throughout the world, which shall this day be offered at the footstool of thy throne: give us grace to prepare our hearts, that we may serve thee with reverence and godly fear: grant us a true apprehension of thy divine majesty, and a deep sense of our unworthiness; that so, approaching thy sanctuary with lowliness and devotion, we may present an offering acceptable to thee, and in the spirit of him who hath taught us how to pray. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Lord's Prayer, to be said by the People after the Minister.*

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from

evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be said or sung the following Canticle; all standing.*

O SEND out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me;

Let them bring me unto thy holy hill: and to thy tabernacles.

Then will I go unto the altar of God: unto God my exceeding joy;

Yea, upon the harp will I praise thee: O God, my God.

What shall I render unto the Lord: for all his benefits towards me?

I will take the cup of salvation: and call upon the name of the Lord.

O Lord, truly I am thy servant: thou hast loosed my bonds.

I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving: and will call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord: now in the presence of all his people;

In the courts of the Lord's house: in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible: the only wise God;

Be honour and glory: for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be read the* First Lesson, *taken out of the Old Testament.*

¶ *After that, shall be said or sung the following Psalm:*

Laudate Dominum. Ps. cxlviii.

PRAISE ye the Lord: Praise ye the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the heights.

Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.

Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.

Praise him, ye heavens of heavens: and ye waters that be above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded, and they were created.

He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.

Fire and hail, snow and vapours: stormy wind fulfilling his word;

Mountains and all hills: fruitful trees and all cedars;

Beasts and all cattle: creeping things and flying fowl;

Kings of the earth, and all people: princes and all judges of the earth;

Both young men and maidens: old men and children;

Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.

Glory be to God most High: the ever-blessed Father;

Who is, and was, and shall be: world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be read the* SECOND LESSON, *taken out of the New Testament.*

¶ *After that, shall be said or sung the following Song of Praise:*

ECCE DEUS. Is. xii. 2–6.

BEHOLD, God is my salvation: I will trust and not be afraid;

For the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song: he also is become my salvation.

Therefore with joy shall ye draw water: out of the wells of salvation.

And in that day shall ye say: Praise the Lord, call upon his name;

Declare his doings among the people: make mention that his name is exalted.

Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth.

Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

Now unto the God of grace: for the might of his Spirit and the love of Christ;

Be glory in the Church throughout all ages: world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall follow this Litany, to be said alternately by the Minister and the People; all kneeling.*

Minister.

O GOD, eternal Creator of all things, Lord of heaven and earth, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Father of mercies and God of all comfort; who hast made us in thine own image, created us anew by thy beloved Son, and adopted us as thy children; who hast promised thy Holy Spirit to those that seek it, and prepared for us an eternal kingdom: with the host of heaven, and with thy faithful servants on earth, we would cry Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

People.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.

Most gracious Father, pardon, we humbly beseech thee, our many and grievous transgressions.

We are thy servants, truly and heartily sorry for our sins.

Take from us all impurity of thought or desire; all envy, pride, and hypocrisy; all falsehood and deceit; all covetousness, vain-glory, and indolence; all malice and anger; everything that is contrary to thy will, O most holy God.

Lord, make clean our hearts within us.

Save us, O Lord God, from ingratitude towards thee, from an evil use of thy fatherly gifts, from mistrust in thy divine Providence, from impatience and despondency.

Save us, O Lord.

From immoderate care for temporal things, and from neglect of those things which are eternal,

Save us, O Lord.

Remember, we beseech thee, thy ancient mercies; and though we have not shown the love and duty of sons, yet do not thou cast off the kindness and compassion of a father.

Hear us, O Lord; for our trust is in thee.

Enlighten our understandings, that we may

know the wonderful things of thy law, the greatness of thy love in Christ, the mysteries of thy kingdom, and the riches of thine eternal glory:

Hear us, we beseech thee, O Lord:

That our bodies may be servants to our spirits, and both our bodies and our spirits be thy servants.

Hear us, we beseech thee, O Lord.

Teach us what thou wouldest have us do; and uphold us by thy mighty power, that every work of ours may begin always from thee, and by thee be happily ended.

Hear us, we beseech thee, O Lord.

Shed abroad thy love in our hearts, that we may love thee above all things, and our neighbour as ourselves, and by that charity which never faileth be abundantly refreshed in our toils and sufferings.

Hear us, we beseech thee, O Lord.

Bless all orders and degrees amongst us, especially our Sovereign the QUEEN, and all the Royal Family: endue them with those graces and virtues which will enable them to discharge their several trusts in such a manner as may promote thy glory, and the peace and prosperity of the land.

Hear us, we beseech thee, O Lord.

Bless all those who are called to the ministry of thy gospel: grant them great gifts, and great holiness, and may they be fruitful branches of the true vine, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Hear us, we beseech thee, O Lord.

Remember, O God, all those who bear good fruits and do good works in thy holy Church.

Hear us, we beseech thee, O Lord.

Remember our Magistrates, and all who are in authority over us: enlighten and guide them; and so dispose and order the affairs of this nation, that righteousness and truth may prevail; and that we may lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty.

Hear us, we beseech thee, O Lord.

Bless the fruits of the earth, and crown the year with thy goodness; that we may have all such things as are needful for our bodies, and good and profitable for our souls.

Hear us, we beseech thee, O Lord.

Remember our friends and kindred; and so fill us with love, gentleness, and forbearance, that we may walk in our homes with a perfect heart, and have joy in each other which passeth not away.

O Father in heaven, we beseech thee to hear us.

May those who are parents bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; and may children love and reverence their parents.

O Father in heaven, we beseech thee to hear us.

Cast us not off in the time of old age; forsake us not when our strength faileth; that we may show thy glory to this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come.

O Father in heaven, we beseech thee to hear us.

Remember, O Lord, those who are in need, sickness, or any adversity: even though they be utterly destitute of man's aid, yet let the comfort of thy Holy Spirit never depart from them: give them patience and constancy, and in thine own good time turn their sorrows into joy.

Hear us, O Lord, and let our sighing come before thee.

We praise and thank thee, O God, for all thy faithful servants who have departed this life: mercifully grant, we beseech thee, that we, being compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, may lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and run with patience the race that is set before us; looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

Hear us, we beseech thee, O Lord.

O Lord, bless all thy people, and may the kingdom of thy Son increase and shine throughout the world; and everywhere may the song of angels be heard, 'Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, and good-will among men.'

Hear us, we beseech thee, O Lord.

For the sake of thy great love in Jesus Christ, we beseech thee to have mercy upon us.

O Lord, we are thine; save us, thy children, we beseech thee.

¶ *Here may be introduced a Collect for Morning or Evening, and the Collect for the Day, or any seasonable Prayer from the Collection entitled* PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS.

¶ *In Quires and Places where they sing, here may follow an Anthem or Hymn.*

¶ *Then the following Prayers and Intercessions.*

O MOST merciful God, whose mercy is as high as the heavens, and endureth for ever; thou hast opened thy hand to fill us with blessings and the sweet effects of thy loving-kindness. Thou art pitiful as a father, tender as a mother: we pray thee to fill our souls with a deep sense of thy unspeakable goodness, that our thankfulness may be as great as our need of mercy. Whatever we possess, outwardly or inwardly, is thy gift. Let

thy fatherly loving-kindness still preserve and bless us: as thou hast holden us up ever since we were born, so let thy mercy go along with us all our days: and grant that after we have, by thy aid, fought the good fight of faith, and finished our earthly course, we may lie down in righteousness, and have a joyful resurrection to the society of saints and angels, and the full fruition of heavenly blessedness in the presence of thy glorified Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

HOLY Father, grant us, we earnestly beseech thee, time and opportunity to tarry in the most plentiful pastures of the holy Scriptures, where thou leadest us beside the still waters, until the day of eternity dawns, and the shadow of mortality is gone down. *Amen.*

GOD, our heavenly Father, quicken in us, we beseech thee, every good and pure thought, and strengthen us in our devout resolves this day. Let no unhallowed words pollute the tongues which thou hast made to praise and bless thee; no evil action defile the sanctuaries which thou hast, in thy wondrous mercy, chosen for thyself. Re-

move whatever in us may be a hindrance to holy living, or a stumbling-block in another's way. May our trust in thee, and our kindness to one another, never fail. May we bring to thee not only a humble spirit of obedience, but also great love. O Lord God, make us what thou wouldest have us to be, and may we do what thou wouldest have us to do: only be thou ever with us to cleanse and renew, to teach, rule, and sustain us; till at last we come to thee, to dwell for ever with thee and thy saints in light. *Amen.*

O LORD, may the words of our mouths, and the meditation of our hearts, be acceptable in thy sight. Thou, Lord, art our shepherd: lead us and feed us; and nothing shall be wanting where thou hast folded us, until we be brought to the pasture of eternal life. To thee, O Father, be all glory and praise from the whole Church of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* 2 *Cor.* xiii. 14.

Or

GRACE, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 1 *Tim.* i. 2.

Or

THE Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us; the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us, and give us peace. *Amen.* *Numb.* vi. 24–26.

Collect for Morning.

O GOD, who givest us not only the day for labour, and the night for rest, but also the peace of this blessed day; grant, we beseech thee, that this season of holy quiet may be profitable to us in heavenly things, and refresh and strengthen us to finish the work which thou hast given us to do. *Amen.*

Collect for Evening.

O BLESSED God, who neither slumberest nor sleepest, take us into thy gracious keeping for this night; and make us mindful of that night when the noise of this busy world shall be heard by us no more. O Lord in whom we trust, help us by thy grace so to live that we may never be afraid to die, and grant that at the last as now our even-song may be: I will lay me down in peace and sleep, for thou, Lord, makest me dwell in safety. *Amen.*

NINTH SERVICE.

MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER.

¶ *The Minister, entering the desk, and the People, standing, shall say:*

Minister. The Lord be with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Come, let us return unto the Lord; and he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.

People. Blessed be the Lord God, who turneth not our prayer away, nor his mercy from us.

Minister. The most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands.

People. He is not far from any one of us.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

DEARLY beloved brethren, the heavenly Father in whose presence we now stand is always more ready to hear than we to pray: nor

does anything hide him from us but the veil of our impure and earthly mind. And since the preparations of even the willing heart are not without him, let us inwardly pray for the grace of a humble and holy spirit: that for a little while we may be alone with him; and, as his beloved Son went up into the mountain to pray, so we may rise above the haste and press of life, and commune with him in spirit and in truth.

¶ *After a few moments of silence for inward prayer, the Minister shall say the following Prayer; all kneeling, and the People responding with* 'AMEN.'

O GOD, who art, and wast, and art to come, before whose face the generations rise and pass away; age after age the living seek thee, and find that of thy faithfulness there is no end. Our fathers in their pilgrimage walked by thy guidance, and rested on thy compassion: still to their children be thou the cloud by day, the fire by night. Where but in thee have we a covert from the storm or shadow from the heat of life? In our manifold temptations, thou alone knowest and art ever nigh: in sorrow, thy pity revives the fainting soul: in our prosperity and ease, it is thy Spirit only that can wean us from our pride and keep us

low. O thou sole Source of peace and righteousness; take now the veil from every heart: and join us in one communion with thy prophets and saints who have trusted in thee, and were not ashamed. Not of our worthiness, but of thy tender mercy, hear our prayer. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Lord's Prayer, to be said by the People after the Minister.*

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be said or sung the following Hymn, called* Te Deum Laudamus; *all standing.*

WE praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee: the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim: continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of hosts;

Heaven and Earth are full: of the Majesty of thy Glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles: praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs: praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge thee,

The Father: of an infinite Majesty;

Thy beloved, true: and glorified Son;

Thy Holy Spirit also: the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory: [of Glory] O God.

Thou didst not suffer: thy Holy One to see corruption;

Thou gavest him the victory: over Sin and Death;

And openest the Kingdom of Heaven: to all the faithful;

And callest us thither: by the Spirit of adoption.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants: whom thou hast redeemed in thy boundless love.

Make them to be numbered with thy saints: in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people, and bless thy heritage: govern them, and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify thee: and we worship thy name ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord: to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

¶ *Or the following Canticle:*

MARVELLOUS things of the Lord our God: have we heard and our fathers have told us.

Repeat to their children his ancient praise: that the generations may set their hope in God.

They that trust in the Lord shall be as his holy hill: which cannot be removed;

As the mountains are round about Jerusalem: so the Lord encompasseth them for ever.

The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him: in the time of trouble he hideth them in his pavilion.

In the day-time he leadeth them with a cloud: and in the night with a light of fire.

Though they fall, they shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth them with his arm.

They shall not be afraid of evil tidings: for their times are in his hands.

Because their heart is not haughty, nor their eyes lofty: and they are quiet as a weaned child;

Therefore he lifteth them up: and girdeth them with might, though they know it not.

Commit thy way unto the Lord, wait patiently for him: and thou shalt never be forsaken;

He will draw thee out of the dark waters: and show thee the path of life.

Who is among you that feareth the Lord: yet walketh in darkness and hath no light?

Let him surely trust in the Lord: and stay upon his God.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens: and look upon the earth beneath;

The heavens shall vanish away like smoke: and the earth shall wax old like a garment;

And they that dwell therein: shall die in like manner;

But the salvation of the Lord shall be for ever: and his righteousness shall not fail.

To the Only Holy, the First and the Last: be thanksgiving and praise;

From all kindreds and tongues on earth: and the voices of saints in heaven. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be read the* FIRST LESSON, *taken out of the Old Testament.*

¶ *After that, shall be said or sung the following Canticle:*

SEEK ye the word of the Lord and read: for his thoughts are not as our thoughts.

Strengthen ye the weak hands: and confirm the feeble knees;

Say to them that are of fearful heart: Be strong; fear not;

Behold your God will bring deliverance: he will come and save you.

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened: and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

Then shall the lame leap as the hart: and the tongue of the dumb shall sing.

In the wilderness shall waters break out: and streams in a thirsty land;

The solitary place shall be glad: and the desert shall blossom as the rose.

And a highway shall be there: the way of holiness;

To the meek it shall be a path of light: and the wayfaring man shall not err therein.

Come, walk in his word: with songs of joy;

And sorrow and sighing: shall flee away.

Glory be to God most High: the ever-blessed Father;

Who is, and was, and shall be: world without end. Amen.

¶ *Or the following Canticle:*

GLORIOUS things of thee are spoken: Jerusalem, city of our God.

Of thee it shall be said, Here were the prophets born: here the most High was known;

Look on the mountain of his holiness: a light *and joy to* the whole earth;

Mark well her towers, and consider her bulwarks: that ye may tell it to generations to come.

O Zion, that bringest good tidings: lift up thy voice to every age;

Let the watchmen cry from thy palaces: 'Behold your God!'

As a banner from thy walls, an ensign from afar: is the testimony of Israel.

For darkness covered the earth: and gross darkness the people;

But the Lord arose as a light upon thee: and his glory was seen upon thee;

Till the Gentiles came to thy light: and thy walls were called Salvation, and thy gates Praise.

We will remember the days of old: the years of the right-hand of the most High;

We will meditate on all his work: and write his law upon our hearts.

O Lord, thou art a God that doest wonders: thou hast declared thyself among the people.

Thy way is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God?

Glory be to God most High: the ever-blessed Father;

Who is, and was, and shall be: world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be read the* SECOND LESSON, *taken out of the New Testament.*

¶ *After that, shall be said or sung the following Canticle:*

SING no more the song of Moses: lift on high the song of the Lamb;

For the former things have passed away: and heaven and earth have become new.

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem: thy children refused to be gathered;

But a Zion of heavenly pattern descends: whose builder and maker is God.

The tabernacle of God is with men: he dwelleth not in temples made with hands.

The temple of our holy Jerusalem: are the Lord God himself and the Lamb;

They are the light that lighten it: though sun and moon should fail.

All day its gates are open: and no night shuts the way of mercy.

Come to the river of God in the midst: to him that is athirst he giveth of its living waters freely.

Come to the tree of life: whose leaves are for the healing of the nations.

Blessed be the Lord that draweth nigh: and openeth deep things of the Spirit to them that love him;

And calleth the kingdoms of this world: to be the kingdoms of our God and of his Christ.

Now unto the God of grace: for the might of his Spirit and the love of Christ;

Be glory in the Church throughout all ages: world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say the following Prayers; all kneeling, and the People responding with* 'AMEN.'

HOLY Lord God; how can we lift up our face, and make mention of thy loving-kindness? for thy praise is only our abasement, and the greatness of thy mercy is the measure of our guilt. Yet turn us not back from thy presence. Look upon us according to our deep need, not our poor deservings. Lift off the burden of our many sins, and revive the contrite that fly to thee. When thou art nigh, we are weary of

our selfish desires, our faithless cares, our unresisted temptations: wasted moments, and bitter words, and vain ambitions rise up in judgment against us: we lay at thy feet with shame the vows we have not kept, and the sorrows we have not sanctified. No secret thing is hid from thee. Thou knowest the spirit we are of. Chasten us with thy rebuke, seek us with thy pity, recall us by thy grace, ere we are quite estranged from thee. Let the saving word, once heard on earth, be renewed from heaven, 'Your sins are forgiven; go in peace.' *Amen.*

O GOD, our everlasting hope, who holdest us in life, and orderest our lot; we ask not for any prosperity that would tempt us to forget thee. As disciples of one who had not where to lay his head, may we freely welcome the toils and sufferings of our humanity, and seek only strength to glorify the cross thou layest on us. Every work of our hand may we do as unto thee; in every trouble, trace some lights of thine; and let no blessing fall on dry and thankless hearts. Redeeming the time, may we fill every waking hour with faithful duty and well-ordered affections,

as the sacrifice which thou hast provided. Strip us, O Lord, of every proud thought; fill us with patient tenderness for others, seeing that we also are in the same case before thee; and make us ready to help, and quick to forgive. And then, fix every grace, compose every fear, by a steady trust in thine eternal realities, behind the changes of time and the delusions of men. Thou art our Rock: we rest on thee. *Amen.*

O GOD, thou hast set us in the train of many martyrs and holy men; and given us, as author and finisher of our faith, one who offered himself up a living and dying sacrifice. We are not our own, but thine. Freely may we crucify our shrinking will, surrender ourselves to the uttermost claims of thy Spirit, and seek no peace but in harmony with thee.

¶ *In response to this the People shall say:*

According to that gracious word, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you.'

NINTH SERVICE.

¶ *Here may be introduced a Collect for Morning or Evening, and the Collect for the Day, or any seasonable Prayer from the Collection entitled* PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS.

¶ *In Quires and Places where they sing, here may follow an Anthem or Hymn.*

¶ *Then the following Prayers and Intercessions.*

ALMIGHTY Lord, of whose righteous will all things are, and were created; who liftest the islands out of the deep, and preparest not in vain the habitable world; thou hast gathered our people into a great nation, and sent them to sow beside all waters, and multiply sure dwellings on the earth. Deepen the root of our life in everlasting righteousness; and let not the crown of our pride be as a fading flower. Make us equal to our high trusts; reverent in the use of freedom, just in the exercise of power, generous in the protection of weakness. With all thy blessings bless thy servant VICTORIA, our Queen; and every member of the Royal House. Fill her heart and theirs with such loyalty to thee, that her people may be exalted by their loyalty to her. To our Legislators and Counsellors give insight and faithfulness, that our laws may clearly speak the

right, and our Judges purely interpret it. Let it be known among us how thou hatest robbery for burnt-offering; that the gains of industry may be all upright, and the use of wealth considerate. May wisdom and knowledge be the stability of our times: and our deepest trust be in thee, the Lord of nations and the King of kings. *Amen.*

O THOU whose eye is over all the children of men, and who hast called them, by thy Prince of Peace, into a kingdom not of this world; send forth his spirit speedily into the dark places of our guilt and woe, and arm it with the piercing power of thy grace. May it reach the heart of every oppression, and make arrogancy dumb before thee. Let it still the noise of our strife and the tumult of the people; put to shame the false idols of every mind; carry faith to the doubting, hope to the fearful, strength to the weak, light to the mourner; and more and more increase the pure in heart who see their God. Commit thy word, O Lord, to the lips of faithful men, or the free winds of thine invisible Providence; that soon the knowledge of thee may cover the earth, as the waters cover the channels of the deep.

And so let thy kingdom come, through Jesus Christ thy Son. *Amen.*

GRACE and peace be multiplied unto you, through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 2 *Pet.* i. 2.

Or

NOW the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all. *Amen.* 2 *Thess.* iii. 16.

TENTH SERVICE.

MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER.

¶ *The Minister shall say one or more of the following sentences, and then the Address which comes after; all standing.*

THE way of man is not in himself alone: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. *Jer.* x. 23.

Thoughts of peace, saith the Lord, do I think towards you: ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken to you: ye shall seek me and find me, when ye shall search for me with your whole heart. *Jer.* xxix. 11-13.

Give glory to the Lord your God, before he cause darkness, and before your feet shall stumble on the dark mountain, and, while ye are looking for light, he turn it into the shadow of death. *Jer.* xiii. 16.

Let us search and try our ways, and turn unto

the Lord: let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens. *Lam.* iii. 40, 41.

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 1 *Cor.* iii. 16.

The temple of God is holy: which temple ye are. 1 *Cor.* iii. 17.

DEARLY beloved brethren, God, in whom we live and move and have our being, never leaves us, day or night. But the very nearness and custom of his presence hide him from our infirm and sinful hearts: and under cover of this darkness, our inner discernment becomes dim, temptations gain a shameful power, and the good that is in us droops and fades. To clear such blindness away, and recover the pure wisdom of a Christian mind, we are called to this day of remembrance and this house of prayer. Entering here, therefore, we cross the threshold of eternal things, and commune with the Father who seeth in secret. Let us shake off the dust of transitory care, and every disguise that can come between us and God: and, remembering whose disciples

we are, come to the simplicity, though it should be also to the sorrows, of Christ.

¶ *The Minister shall then say the following Prayer; all kneeling, and the People responding with* 'AMEN.'

O GOD, Unsearchable; why are we so blind to thee, who besettest us behind and before? In the daylight of thy constant mercy, we scarcely lift our eye to the infinite heaven whence it flows. Now screen us with thy hand, O Lord, that we may not wait for the night of sorrow, but here, under the shade of holy thought, may learn in what a world we live. Here let us rest from the weary shows of life, and converse with thee, the Only True. And though thou receivest higher praise than ours, from natures that know thee more and serve thee better, yet tune our spirits and join our voices with theirs; and unite us with the faithful and saintly, there and here, in one light of faith, one beauty of holiness, one repose on thee. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Lord's Prayer, to be said by the People after the Minister.*

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will

be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them, that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be said or sung the following Canticle; all standing.*

I WAS glad when my companions said unto me: Come, it is our holy day;

Let us go into the house of the Lord: let us take sweet counsel together;

Let our feet stand within his gates: and heart and voice give thanks unto him.

Blessed be the temple hallowed by his name: pray for peace within its walls,

Peace to young and old that enter there: peace to every soul abiding therein.

For friends' and brethren's sake I will never cease to say: Peace be within thee!

What though for Him who filleth heaven and earth: there can be no dwelling made with hands;

What though his way is in the deep, and his

knowledge too wonderful for us: and before him we are as children that cannot speak;

Yet, touched by the altar's living glow: we learn, as an infant, to lisp his name;

And try the wings that beat for his refuge: and flee as a bird to the mountain.

O Lord, when we cry unto thee from the deep: and wait for thee as they that wait for the morning;

Thou wilt have regard to our entreaty: the sigh of the lowly thou wilt not despise.

Not long, O Lord, shall we feel after thee in these courts below: not long wilt thou hearken to these faltering lips.

Our fathers thou hast called to thy higher praise: and gathered to their fathers must all the children be.

Let the dead and living praise thee, O God above, below: let all the generations praise thee.

Let the glorified company of the first-born: whose names are in the book of life;

Let angels in the height: praise thee, who dwellest in the heavens;

Let thy Church on earth praise thee: the delight of whose Wisdom is in the children of men.

O House of the Lord's praise: Peace be to them that love thee!

If I forget thee: may my right-hand forget its cunning!

To the Only Holy, the First and the Last: be thanksgiving and praise;

From all kindreds and tongues on earth: and the voices of saints in heaven. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be read the* FIRST LESSON, *taken out of the Old Testament.*

¶ *After that, shall be said or sung the following Canticle:*

BLESSED be the Lord God of ages: who never ceaseth to draw more nigh.

His voice in the morning of the world was heard from far: in the evening he speaketh at the door, and entereth to abide with us for ever.

Manifold are thy witnesses, O God, and the angels of thine invisible presence: else had we never known thee.

How should man that is born as the wild-ass's colt stretch his wisdom to thee:—to thee, save to thyself, Unsearchable?

Though thou unsealest the light for all that

lives: and lookest through the doors of the shadow of death;

Though thou causest the day-spring to know its place: and sayest to the sea, 'Here shall thy proud waves be stayed;'

Though thou seest the end from the beginning: and weavest the ages as a work upon the loom;

Yet lo! thou goest by us, and we see thee not: thou passest on also, and we perceive thee not.

For the days of man are passed, like the swift ships: and his line reacheth not to thee, Eternal!

Till thou didst look for him upon the earth, he was not: and when thou sayest, 'Return,' he is no more.

But thy years are countless as the stars: from everlasting to everlasting thou art God.

Hadst thou not remembered our low estate: and bent to us with thy testimonies from of old;

We had been in darkness and the shadow of death: and the light of thy countenance had been hid.

But the firmament declareth thy glory: the prophets proclaim thy judgments;

The righteous wonder at thy law in their

heart: and the songs of Zion make melody to thee.

Lo! these are a part of thy mercies: yet how little a portion is heard of thee!

Blessed be the dawn of thine everlasting light: the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Glory be to God most High: the ever-blessed Father;

Who is, and was, and shall be: world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be read the* SECOND LESSON, *taken out of the New Testament.*

¶ *After that, shall be said or sung the following Canticle:*

LO! at length the True Light:—light for every man born into the world;

Kindling the face of them that receive it: till they become the sons of God.

Cease, blinding glories of the heavens: which none could see and live!

Cease, gross darkness of the earth: where the righteous put forth their hands and fear!

The veil between is taken away: and the mingling day-spring comes;

No longer is the dwelling of Eternal Life too bright above: and the perishable world too dark below.

The Son of God hath dwelt among us: full of grace and truth;

The Son of Man hath gone up on high: made perfect through suffering for the holy of holies.

He is our peace: giving us access by one spirit to the Father;

No more strangers and exiles: but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God.

O Lord Almighty! we had said of thee: 'Thy thoughts are not as our thoughts;'

But thou hast looked on us as with the pity of a man: and raised us to think the thoughts of God.

We had said, 'Our righteousness reacheth not unto thee: or to the holy ones of thy presence';

But thou hast made one family, there and here: one living communion of seen and unseen.

We had said, 'Thou layest men fast in everlasting sleep:' but lo! they sleep into everlasting waking.

Blessed be the Lord God, that giveth beauty

for ashes: and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

Now unto the God of grace: for the might of his Spirit and the love of Christ;

Be glory in the Church throughout all ages: world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say the following Prayers; all kneeling, and the People responding with* 'AMEN.'

O GOD, ever blessed and holy; none but the Angels and thy Redeemed can serve thee with a perfect joy. On us, as we look up to the light of thy countenance, the shadows of shameful remembrance fall: and to all thy mercies we must still answer with a cry for more. Called in our measure to be perfect as thou art perfect, we have been most unlike to thee, and are not worthy to be deemed thy children. Thirsting with momentary desires, we have forsaken the living springs of heavenly wisdom, of which he that drinketh shall never thirst again. We have been slow to the calls of affection, heedless of the duties, hard under the sorrows, which are thy gracious discipline: yet are oppressed with cares

thou layest not on us, with ease thou dost not permit, and wants thou wilt never bless. O Lord, regard our complaint: it is only against our faithless hearts. We have nothing to plead, and renounce our pride before thee. Only leave us not to ourselves. Visit us with the wrestlings of thy Spirit: and lay on us the cross, if we may but grow into the holiness, of Christ. *Amen.*

ETERNAL God, who committest to us the swift and solemn trust of life; since we know not what a day may bring forth, but only that the hour for serving thee is always present, may we wake to the instant claims of thy holy will; not waiting for to-morrow, but yielding to-day. Lay to rest, by the persuasion of thy Spirit, the resistance of our passion, indolence, or fear. Consecrate with thy presence the way our feet may go; and the humblest work will shine, and the roughest places be made plain. Lift us above unrighteous anger and mistrust into faith and hope and charity, by a simple and steadfast reliance on thy sure will: and so may we be modest in our time of wealth, patient under disappointment, ready for danger, serene in death. In all things, draw us to the mind of Christ, that

thy lost image may be traced again, and thou mayst own us as at one with him and thee. *Amen.*

O GOD, who leadest us through seasons of life to be partakers of thine eternity; the shadows of our evening hasten on. Quicken us betimes: and spare us that sad word, 'The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.' Anew we dedicate ourselves to thee. We would ask nothing, reserve nothing, for ourselves, save only leave to go whither thou mayst guide, to live not far from thee, and die into thy nearer light. Content to accept the reproach of truth and the self-denials of pure integrity, we would take upon us the yoke of Christ, whom it behoved to suffer ere he entered into his glory.

¶ *In response to this the People shall say:*

Even as he said to all, "If any man come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."

MORNING OR EVENING.

¶ *Here may be introduced a Collect for Morning or Evening, and the Collect for the Day, or any seasonable Prayer from the Collection entitled* PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS.

¶ *In Quires and Places where they sing, here may follow an Anthem or Hymn.*

¶ *Then the following Prayers and Intercessions.*

LORD of all, whose balance trieth the nations, to lift up or to cast down; thou hast planted us, as a people, in quiet resting-places, and stretched out our branches over the sea, and laid upon us a mighty trust. Never through vain conceit may we be blind to the unchanging conditions of thy blessing. The world and its fulness are thine: our portion thereof may we hold, not in wanton self-will, but reverently, as of thee; making it the strong-hold of right, the refuge of the oppressed, and the moderator of lawless ambition. Crown thy servant VICTORIA, our Queen, with every personal and princely blessing. Higher than the eminence of her station raise her by the graces of thy Spirit: and may the glory of her rule be in the simplicity of her obedience. Enrich the members of her house with inward and outward good. Make all who speak or act for this nation true organs of

thine equity, that through their wisdom and faithfulness thou mayst be our Lawgiver and Judge. And let it be that, as with the people so with the chiefs, as with the servant so with the master, as with the buyer so with the seller, all may know thee as weighing the path of the just; that righteousness may be the girdle of our power. *Amen.*

O GOD, who didst send thy word to speak in the Prophets and live in thy Son; and appoint thy Church to be witness of divine things in all the world; revive the purity and deepen the power of its testimony: and through the din of earthly interests and the storm of human passions, let it make the still small voice of thy Spirit inly felt. Nearer and nearer may thy kingdom come from age to age; meeting the face of the young as a rising dawn, and brightening the song of the old, 'Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace.' Already let its light abash our guilty negligence, and touch with hope each secret sorrow of the earth. By the cleansing spirit of thy Son, make this world a fitting fore-court to that sanctuary not made with

hands, where our life is hid with Christ in God. *Amen.*

THE Lord bless us and keep us: may he be gracious unto us; and give us peace now and for evermore. *Amen.* *Numb.* vi. 24-26.

Or

AND now may the peace of God rule in your hearts: and the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom. *Amen.* *Col.* iii. 15, 16.

Collect for Morning.

ETERNAL God, who hast neither dawn nor evening, yet sendest us alternate mercies of the darkness and the day; there is no light but thine, without, within. As thou liftest the curtain of night from our abodes, take also the veil from all our hearts. Rise with thy morning upon our souls: quicken all our labour and our prayer: and though all else declines, let the noontide of thy grace and peace remain. May we walk, while it is yet day, in the steps of him who, with fewest hours, finished thy divinest work. *Amen.*

Collect for Evening.

O GOD, who faintest not, neither art weary; whose everlasting work is still fresh as thy creative thought; we bless thee for the pity of night and sleep, giving us the rest thou never needest. We would lie down each evening in peace and thankfulness, and commit the folded hours to thee. But, O Lord, through toil and repose, save us from any fatal slumber of the spirit: and keep us through life to the holy vigils of love and service, as they that watch for thy morning of eternity. *Amen.*

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR.

First Sunday in Advent.

THE PREPARATION OF THE PATRIARCHS.

O GOD, the God of our fathers, who in thy wonderful Providence hast made all ages a preparation for the kingdom of thy Son; we thank thee for the morning light which thou didst cause to shine in the holy patriarchs; and we beseech thee to make ready our hearts for the brightness of thy glory, and the fulness of thy blessings in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

Second Sunday in Advent.

THE PREPARATION OF MOSES.

O GRACIOUS Lord God, who by means of thy servant Moses didst prepare the way for one far greater than Moses, even thy own best-beloved Son; grant, we beseech thee, that as in the infancy of our race thou didst govern us by the laws of holiness, so now thou wilt perfect within us that spirit of sonship, of which we have a spotless example in thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Third Sunday in Advent.

PREPARATION OF PROPHECY.

ALMIGHTY God, who by thy chosen prophets didst warn the sinful, comfort the oppressed and sorrowful, and point onwards to the glad days of thy kingdom; grant that we, whose eyes are blessed with the sight of thy power and glory in Jesus Christ, may indeed acknowledge that the Lord God omnipotent reigneth, and devote ourselves to thee in holiness and righteousness all our days. *Amen.*

Fourth Sunday in Advent.

JOHN THE BAPTIST.

ALMIGHTY God, by whose gracious Providence thy servant John the Baptist was sent to prepare the way of thy Son, our Saviour, by preaching repentance; make us so to follow his doctrine and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and after his example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for conscience' sake. *Amen.*

Christmas Eve.

O GOD, who makest us to rejoice in the yearly celebration of the festival of Christmas; grant that we who thankfully receive thy best-beloved Son may through him become thy faithful children, and be admitted into thy kingdom of light and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Christmas Day.

GRANT, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord God, that, enlightened by the memory of thy wonderful Providence in the birth of Jesus Christ, our eyes may be evermore fixed on thy goodness; which still graciously worketh towards the accomplishment of thy promise, to call at length all the earth to a true knowledge of thee and thy glorified Son. *Amen.*

Or

O ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, from whom every good and perfect gift proceedeth; we thine unworthy servants, deeply sensible of thy manifold and great mercies, would bring to thee our united offering of praise and thanksgiving, as for innumerable other proofs of thy loving-kindness, so especially for that wonderful event which laid the foundation of all our Christian hopes. Grant that we may with such true joy celebrate this happy festival of Christmas, as to be heartily disposed to strive after that heavenly righteousness which thou hast set before us in the life and gospel of thy Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Sunday after Christmas.

LORD our God, Source of all light and truth, who didst send thy Son Jesus Christ into the world that the world through him might be saved, grant, we beseech thee, that the light of his doctrine and life

may shine into our hearts, and dispel our darkness, and direct our steps, and lead us at last to the unspeakable glories and felicities of thy heavenly kingdom. *Amen.*

First Sunday in the New Year.

O GOD, our hearts as well as our times are in thy hands: help us, we beseech thee, with this new year to form new resolutions of serving thee faithfully in the spirit of thy Son Jesus Christ; that we may finish the work which thou hast given us to do, and that our earthly life may be the beginning of a blessed eternity. *Amen.*

Second Sunday after Christmas.

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ hast shewn the care thou takest of thy people; cultivate, we beseech thee, every branch of this thy vine, that it may be more fruitful: let not the thorns of sin prevail against us; but protect us by thy Spirit, that we may bring forth the fruits of holy living, to the glory of thy blessed name. *Amen.*

Third Sunday after Christmas.

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Fourth Sunday after Christmas.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, who by thy best-beloved Son hast opened to us a fountain of living water; grant, we pray thee, that we may so drink of this water as to be refreshed in all our weariness of spirit, to be strengthened for thy blessed service, and to have within us a well of water springing up into everlasting life. *Amen.*

Fifth Sunday after Christmas.

O GOD, the Father of our spirits, who hast vouchsafed to us, not only the bread which perisheth, but also that living bread which cometh down from heaven; grant, we beseech thee, that as thou hast wonderfully adapted the one to our natural wants and appetites, so we may be enabled to discern and experience the no less wonderful adaptation of the other to the eternal wants of our spirits; and enjoy the fulness of thy spiritual blessings in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Sixth Sunday after Christmas.

O GOD, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Seventh Sunday after Christmas.

O LORD, we beseech thee to keep thy Church and household continually in thy true religion; that they who do lean only upon the hope of thy heavenly grace may be defended by thy mighty power, and at length received into thy everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

Eighth Sunday after Christmas.

O GOD, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of darkness, and make us the sons of God and heirs of eternal life; grant us, we beseech thee, that having this hope we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when we are called away from this world, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom. *Amen.*

Ninth Sunday after Christmas.

O LORD, who by thy Son hast opened to us a kingdom which is not of this world; direct, we beseech thee, our lot in this life according to our hopes, if they are not displeasing to thee; but if they are, O our God, we willingly renounce them, and ask only to be made the means of advancing thy Son's kingdom. *Amen.*

Tenth Sunday after Christmas.

STIR up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the zeal of thy faithful people; that the yoke of Jesus may

become easy to them; that their Christian love may work all the miracles of grace, till from grace it pass to glory, from earth to heaven, from duty to reward, from the weakness of a commencing and growing affection to the consummation of eternal charity and a complete union with thy Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Eleventh Sunday after Christmas.

O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; send thy Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. *Amen.*

Twelfth Sunday after Christmas.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, who in thy Son Jesus Christ hast given us a perfect pattern of holy living; grant, we beseech thee, that as he was tempted and yet without sin, so by thy fatherly help and blessing we may be enabled to resist and overcome the sins which do most easily beset us, and may finish our course with joy. *Amen.*

Thirteenth Sunday after Christmas.

ALMIGHTY God, in whom our strength is perfected in weakness; keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may pass our days in peace and quietness, and be filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Fourteenth Sunday after Christmas.

O LORD God, who givest power to the faint, and to them that have no might increasest strength; we pray thee to be to us a present help in time of trouble; that, whereas through manifold temptations we are sore hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us, through him whom thou hast exalted to be unto us a Prince and a Saviour. *Amen.*

Fifteenth Sunday after Christmas.

MERCIFULLY pour into our hearts, O Lord God, the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that by sighs and tears we may wash away the stains of our sins: and enable us to present our bodies and souls to thee a pure and acceptable offering, after the pattern of him who was well-pleasing in thy sight. *Amen.*

Sixteenth Sunday after Christmas.

O GOD, who art great in name and in counsel and powerful in thy works; grant that as members of thy Son's flock we may know the voice of our good shepherd, and be led and fed by him, until we be gathered together where none can pluck us out of his hands. *Amen.*

The Sunday before Good Friday.

PALM SUNDAY.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son Jesus

Christ to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection, and dwell with him hereafter for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Good Friday.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which thy Son Jesus Christ gave himself up into the hands of wicked men, and suffered death upon the cross, that he might perfect his ministry of reconciliation, and glorify thy merciful name world without end. *Amen.*

Or

O GOD, who by thy Son Jesus Christ hast opened for us the passage to eternity; vouchsafe, we beseech thee, so to conform us by thy grace, that in all things we may walk as true disciples of him who gave himself for us, our dearest Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Or

O FATHER of mercies, whose purposes of redeeming love were fulfilled by the death of thy Son upon the cross; grant that we, looking to his obedience and sufferings, may be changed to his image as by the Spirit of the Lord; and that by thy fatherly grace and blessing we may be enabled to fulfil the condition of Christian discipleship,—'If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.' *Amen.*

Easter Even.

GRANT, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of thy blessed Son Jesus Christ, so by continually mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with him; and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection, and behold him face to face in the glory of his kingdom. *Amen.*

Easter Day.

At morning Prayer, instead of the First Psalm, these Anthems shall be sung or said.

Rom. vi. 9. and 1 Cor. xv. 20.

Christ, being raised from the dead, dieth no more: death hath no more dominion over him.

For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin: but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ is risen from the dead: and become the first fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death: by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die: even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Now unto the God of grace: for the might of his Spirit and the love of Christ;

Be glory in the Church throughout all ages: world without end. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, who through thy best-beloved Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; we humbly beseech thee that as thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect, as humble but faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Or, instead of the Psalm and Collect, the following may be used.

The Lord is risen indeed:
Hallelujah.
Christ is raised from the dead and dieth no more:
Hallelujah.

Now unto the God of grace: for the might of his Spirit and the love of Christ;
Be glory in the Church throughout all ages: world without end. Amen.

O GOD, who by the yearly solemnity of the resurrection of our Lord fillest us with joy; mercifully grant that these temporal festivals which we celebrate may help to prepare us for those joys which are eternal. *Amen.*

Or

O LORD God, who art the source of light and every blessing; we would celebrate with glad offerings of praise the resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ from the dead. Grant, we beseech thee, that we who with reverence would keep this glorious festival of Easter, may happily arrive at thy everlasting joys, into which he has entered as our forerunner. *Amen.*

First Sunday after Easter.

HOLY and merciful Lord God, who multipliest upon us the gifts of thy heavenly grace; grant that by the death of thy best beloved Son we may be enabled to bear our crosses, and that by his resurrection we may have good hope of a happy end to our earthly pilgrimage. *Amen.*

Second Sunday after Easter.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given thy Son our Saviour both to save us from sin and to be unto us an ensample of godly life; give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life. *Amen.*

Third Sunday after Easter.

ALMIGHTY God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same, through thy grace in Jesus Christ thy Son. *Amen.*

Fourth Sunday after Easter.

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; grant

unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found, even on the kingdom and promises of thy Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Fifth Sunday after Easter.

O LORD, from whom all good things do come; grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guidance may perform the same, as true followers of thy Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Ascension Day.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy best-beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell in thy glorious presence, world without end. *Amen.*

Sunday after Ascension.

O GOD, the King of glory, who hast exalted thy Son Jesus Christ with great triumph into thy kingdom in heaven; we beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thy Holy Spirit to comfort us; and exalt us into the same place whither he has gone before, even into thy own blessed and glorious presence, there to dwell in fulness of joy for ever and ever. Amen.

Whit-Sunday.

GOD, who at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in thy holy comfort. *Amen.*

Or

O ALMIGHTY and merciful God, who givest unto thy people thy Holy Spirit as a sure pledge of thy heavenly kingdom; grant that thy Spirit may bear witness with our spirit, that we are thy children and heirs of everlasting life. *Amen.*

Or

GRANT, we beseech thee, O Almighty God, that we who celebrate the gift of thy Holy Spirit may, by thy heavenly inspiration, earnestly thirst after the fountain of life, which thou hast graciously opened to us in thy Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Or

O GOD our Father, Author of every good and perfect gift, who delightest above all to impart of thine own ever-blessed Spirit; we thank thee especially at this time for that glorious event which, as on this day, gave life to the Christian cause, and a powerful support to the followers of thy holy Jesus. O may the devout consideration of these benefits increase the grateful fervour of our minds, and make

us always so ready and well-disposed to obey the godly motions of thy Holy Spirit, that in all our trials and difficulties here below thy unerring wisdom may be our guide, and the blessed communications of thy grace our never-ceasing consolation and joy. *Amen.*

First Sunday after Whit-Sunday.

O LORD our God, who by thy Son hast taught us that love is the fulfilling of the law and of the gospel; fill us, we beseech thee, with the spirit of universal charity, that we may love thee above all, and our neighbour as ourselves. *Amen.*

Second Sunday after Whit-Sunday.

O GOD, the strength of all them that put their trust in thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping of thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed; after the example of Jesus Christ thy well-beloved Son. *Amen.*

Third Sunday after Whit-Sunday.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, in thy goodness regard our prayers, and free our hearts from the disturbance of all perverse and evil thoughts, that we may become a fit abode for thy Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Fourth Sunday after Whit-Sunday.

O LORD God, who hast made glorious the name of thy Son Jesus Christ; mercifully grant us, we beseech thee, such a participation of his spirit, that we may even here possess rich measures of his heavenly strength and comfort; and that hereafter we may be admitted to the full joy of his blessed presence for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Fifth Sunday after Whit-Sunday.

O GOD, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing holy; increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not those things which are eternal. *Amen.*

Sixth Sunday after Whit-Sunday.

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness, and the kingdom of thy Son may prosper in all lands. *Amen.*

Seventh Sunday after Whit-Sunday.

O GOD, whose promises exceed all that we could desire or understand; grant us, we beseech thee, the greatest of all blessings, thy love shed abroad in our hearts; that we may render to thee a ready and

joyful obedience as true disciples of thy Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Eighth Sunday after Whit-Sunday.

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; graft in our hearts the love of thy name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and of thy great mercy keep us in the same through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Ninth Sunday after Whit-Sunday.

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Tenth Sunday after Whit-Sunday.

GRANT to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do anything that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will as revealed to us by thy Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Eleventh Sunday after Whit-Sunday.

MERCIFUL God, we beseech thee to cast thy bright beams of light upon the Church; that, being enlightened by thy most holy word, we may so walk in the light of thy truth, that we may at length attain to everlasting life. *Amen.*

Twelfth Sunday after Whit-Sunday.

O GOD, who declarest thy Almighty power most chiefly in shewing mercy; mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we may run the way of thy commandments, and be made partakers of thy heavenly blessedness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Thirteenth Sunday after Whit-Sunday.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through thy great love revealed to us by Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Fourteenth Sunday after Whit-Sunday.

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh, that thy faithful people do unto thee

true and laudable service; grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not to attain the heavenly inheritance which thou hast set before us by thy Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Fifteenth Sunday after Whit-Sunday.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and may we not only obtain that which thou dost promise, but also love that which thou dost command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Sixteenth Sunday after Whit-Sunday.

O GOD, who by thy Son hast opened the kingdom of heaven to all mankind, and welcomed them into it as dear children; raise up, we beseech thee, an increasing number of faithful teachers, to spread abroad the blessed and glorious light of thy gospel, till it shall shine throughout the world. *Amen.*

Seventeenth Sunday after Whit-Sunday.

O MERCIFUL God, who art a Father to all thy people; grant that thy holy gospel may be proclaimed in the uttermost parts of the earth, gladdening the hearts of all who hear it; and, O blessed Lord, so fetch thy wanderers home to thy flock, that there may be one fold under one shepherd. *Amen.*

Eighteenth Sunday after Whit-Sunday.

O WONDERFUL and merciful Father, who dost sustain those who suffer for righteousness' sake, and hast made the blood of the martyrs the seed of the Church; grant, we beseech thee, that we may readily make the sacrifices that may be required of us for the good of mankind, and that all our sufferings may be sweetened by that love of thee which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

Nineteenth Sunday after Whit-Sunday.

O GOD, who art the fountain of all holiness; grant unto thy servants grace to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living: that we may with them come to those unspeakable joys which thou hast prepared for them that love thee and keep thy commandments. *Amen.*

Twentieth Sunday after Whit-Sunday.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner-stone; grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable unto thee. *Amen.*

Twenty-first Sunday after Whit-Sunday.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from

all things that may hurt us; and so prepare our spirits, that we may accomplish whatsoever thou desirest of us, and approve ourselves in thy sight as humble disciples of thy Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Twenty-second Sunday after Whit-Sunday.

O HOLY Father, give us a lively view of heaven by the eye of faith; and so raise our minds thither that we may always have our thoughts, our desires, and our conversation there, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Twenty-third Sunday after Whit-Sunday.

GIVE us grace, O Lord, to endeavour to do thy will with the same diligence and industry, the same zeal and cheerfulness, as thy blessed angels do it in heaven; that imitating their exemplary obedience and unspotted purity while we are in this life, we may be permitted to be fellow-workers with them in thine everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Whit-Sunday.

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at his coming didst send thy messenger to prepare his way; grant that the ministers of thy word may likewise so prepare and make ready his way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that we may all be found acceptable in thy sight, and that there may be one family in heaven and on the earth. *Amen.*

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Whit-Sunday.

O HOLY and ever-blessed God, teach us to love one another with pure hearts fervently; to exercise forbearance and forgiveness towards our enemies; to recompense no man evil for evil, but to be merciful as thou, Father in heaven, art merciful; that in the spirit of thy Son Jesus Christ we may follow after thee as dear children. *Amen.*

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Whit-Sunday.

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, grant us, we beseech thee, a constant renewal of thy Holy Spirit and of thy manifold gifts, till we grow to the full measure of our perfection in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS.

I. God the Source of Spiritual Blessings.

O LORD God, holy Father, be thou blessed both now and for evermore. Let thy servants rejoice in thee, not in themselves, nor in anything apart from thee: for thou alone art the true gladness; thou art our hope and our crown; thou art our joy and our honour, O Lord. If thou give peace, if thou pour into our hearts holy joy, the souls of thy servants will be full of melody, and shall become devout in thy praise. O Lord, grant us to know that which is of genuine worth, to love that which is truly loveable, to praise that which most pleaseth thee, to esteem that highly which to thee is precious, and to abhor that which in thy sight is evil or unclean. Suffer us not to judge according to the sight of the outward eyes, or to give sentence according to the hearing of the ears of ignorant men; but with a true judgment may we discern between things visible and things spiritual, and above all, be ever searching after the good pleasure of thy will. What a man is in thy sight, that is he

and no more. Make us dutiful and humble children of thine. Unto thee we commend ourselves and all belonging to us, both here and hereafter, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. For Heavenly Wisdom.

STRENGTHEN us, O God, by the grace of thy Holy Spirit. Grant us to be strengthened with might in the inner man, and to empty our hearts of all unprofitable care and anguish; not to be drawn aside by sundry temporal desires, but to look on all things as passing away, on ourselves also as soon to pass away with them.

O Lord, grant us heavenly wisdom that we may learn above all things to love and delight in thee, and to think of all other things as they are according to the disposal of thy wisdom. Thou art the true peace of the heart, thou its only rest.

Teach us, O Lord, to do thy will; teach us to live worthily and humbly in thy sight. *Amen.*

III. Devotion to the Will of God.

O LORD our God, we beseech thee to give us understanding and to enable us to do thy will. We offer ourselves entirely to thee. Receive us, O God, as thy servants, and appoint us our duty. We renounce every wish that may be contrary to thy gracious Providence, and only pray that we may be employed to work out thy hallowed designs, and may prove ourselves faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

IV. Another.

O GOD, if only our wills may remain right and firm towards thee, do with us whatsoever it shall please thee. For it cannot be anything but good, whatsoever thou shalt do with us. If it be thy will we should be in darkness, be thou blessed; and if it be thy will we should be in light, be thou blessed. If thou vouchsafe to comfort us, be thou blessed; and if thou wilt have us afflicted, be thou ever equally blessed. O Lord, we will cheerfully suffer whatsoever thou shalt appoint. From thy hand we are willing to receive good and evil, sweet and bitter, joy and sorrow; and for all that befalleth us we will be thankful. Keep us safe from all sin, and we shall neither fear death nor hell, but utterly trust in thee as humble disciples of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

V. Another.

O LORD, set us where thou wilt, and deal with us in all things just as thou wilt. Behold, we are thy servants, prepared for all things; for we desire not to live unto ourselves, but unto thee; and O that we could do it worthily and perfectly. Grant to us, above all things that can be desired, to rest in thee, and in thee to have our hearts at peace. Blessed be thou, our God; for, although we be unworthy of any benefits, yet thy noble bounty and infinite love never cease to do good, even to the ungrateful, and to those who are turned far away from thee. Turn thou us unto thee, that we may be thankful, humble, and devout. *Amen.*

VI. Speak, Lord, for thy Servant heareth.

SPEAK, O Lord, for thy servants hear. We are thy servants; grant us understanding that we may know thy testimonies. Incline our hearts to the words of thy mouth; let thy speech distil as dew. Thou, O Lord God, art the inspirer and enlightener of all the prophets. Wonderfully do they speak; but if thou be silent, they inflame not the heart. They declare thy commandments; but thou helpest us to fulfil them. They point out the way; but thou givest strength to walk in it. Let not thy word be heard by us and not fulfilled, known and not loved, believed and not obeyed. Speak thou therefore unto us, O Lord, to the comfort of our souls, and to the amendment of our whole lives; that thy peace may dwell in our hearts, and that in all things we may approve ourselves in thy sight as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

VII. Sanctification through the Truth.

GIVE us grace to love thy holy word fervently, to search it diligently, to read it humbly, to understand it truly, and to live after it steadfastly. Order our lives, O Lord, that they be always acceptable to thee. Give us grace not to rejoice in anything that displeaseth thee, but evermore to delight in those things which thou approvest, be they never so contrary to our own desires. Keep us upright amid diversity of opinion and judgments in the world, that we may never swerve from thy truth as it is in Jesus. *Amen.*

VIII. The Proper Use of God's Gifts.

GIVE us grace, O Lord, to employ the gifts of thy bounty to thy glory; neither squandering them in riot and luxury, nor hoarding them for sordid gain: but grant that with heartfelt thankfulness to thee, the giver of all good, we may use them with temperance for the supply of our own wants, and dispense them with liberality for the relief and comfort of the poor. Make us ever mindful that a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth, and that he liveth not by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of thy mouth: and so, while we pray daily unto thee, as thou hast permitted us, for the perishable meat of this present world, may we cease not to labour more earnestly for that living bread which thou hast given us by thy Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

IX. Another.

O HEAVENLY Father, Fountain of all goodness, we beseech thee to show thy mercies upon us thy children, and sanctify the gifts we receive from thy bountiful hands. Grant us grace to use them soberly and purely according to thy blessed will. May we acknowledge thee to be the author and giver of all good things; and above all, may we continually seek those spiritual blessings wherewith our souls may be nourished unto everlasting life. *Amen.*

X. Trustful Obedience.

HOLY and ever-blessed God, remove from us, we beseech thee, all unprofitable sadness, and give us an even tranquillity of mind, and a becoming cheerfulness of spirit; inspiring us with an earnest desire and expectation of the blessings which thou hast promised to all them that with heart-felt repentance and true faith turn to thee. Grant, good Lord, we pray thee, that, having this glorious prospect always in our eyes, we may run the way of thy commandments with delight; and, forgetting those things that are behind, and reaching forth unto those that are before, may be still pressing forward toward the mark for the prize of our high calling in Christ Jesus. *Amen.*

XI. For Progress in Holy Living.

ALMIGHTY God, thou divine Fountain and Dispenser, thou Author and Finisher of every good and perfect gift; carry on, we beseech thee, that work of grace which we trust is already begun in us. May the good thoughts that are suggested to our minds spring up into fixed principles; and may our heavenly desires become a new nature, and our holy purposes and resolutions advance into patient continuance in well-doing; and may our obedience become more and more free, cheerful and devout. O may our religious progress manifest the sincerity of our Christian profession, and that we are indeed alive unto God, and quickened by his Spirit. Grant that by thy gracious help we may be like a flourishing tree planted by the rivers of water, and bringing forth its fruit in its season. *Amen.*

XII. Our Passage through this World.

O LORD God, in all our passage through this world, and our manifold concerns therein, suffer not our hearts to be too much set upon it: but always fix our eyes upon the blessed hope of everlasting life; that, as we go along, we may make all the things of this world to minister to that which is to come, and be careful to fit our souls for that pure and perfect bliss which thou hast prepared for thy children in the glories of thy kingdom. *Amen.*

XIII. For Holiness in this World.

CONVINCE us, O Lord God, that how bad soever the world is, we may serve thee in it; and that how frail soever we are, we are under no necessity to sin; and that how dark soever thy Providence is, yet our lot is in wise hands, which will do much better for us than we could for ourselves: for thy thoughts are not as our thoughts, nor thy ways as our ways. To thee, O God, we wholly refer all events, and only beg that we may attend to our present duty, as humble disciples of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

XIV. That we may devote ourselves to Practical Religion, and not waste our Time in Fruitless Controversy.

MOST merciful Father, we beseech thee that thou wilt not suffer our few days to be spent in endless wanderings in quest of thee and thy Son Jesus; but let our sincere endeavours to know thee, in all the

ways whereby thou hast discovered thyself, be crowned with such success, that, our souls being established in every needful truth by thy Holy Spirit, we may spend our whole lives according to the rules of thy gospel, and may, with all thy holy and happy creation, ascribe glory and honour, wisdom and power, to thee who sittest upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. *Amen.*

XV. That we may seek first the Kingdom of God and his Righteousness.

O MERCIFUL God, who, in providing for the spiritual necessities of thy children, dost graciously assure and sanctify unto us the daily provision of our bodily wants; grant unto us, we beseech thee, such trust in thy fatherly love and mercy, that we may cease to be careful for the things of this life, and may seek first thy kingdom and righteousness, committing ourselves wholly to thy good Providence in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

XVI. That we may fit ourselves for the Life to Come.

ETERNAL rest give to us also, O Lord, when our souls shall cast off this earthly body, and enter thy wondrous presence. O grant that we may often have this moment in our thoughts. Thou hast not created us for this world alone, where we pass, as it were, only a few moments of our existence. Lift up our thoughts, we beseech thee, to the world of our lasting home: teach us to consider this life as the

beginning of life eternal: and, O holy and merciful Father, who workest in us both to will and to do, help us by thy grace to cast out all evil dispositions, to be unwearied in well-doing, and to cherish every heavenly affection; that we may begin now to live as those who with humble but joyous hope look forward to dwelling for ever with thee, and Jesus Christ, and the spirits of the just made perfect. *Amen.*

XVII. That we may have our Conversation in Heaven.

O ETERNAL Father, fill our souls, we beseech thee, with so deep a sense of the excellences of spiritual and heavenly things, that, our affections being weaned from the vanities of the world and the false allurements of sin, we may, with clear resolutions and a free spirit, have our conversation in heaven; remembering that we are but pilgrims and strangers here, and seeking a country, even that blessed home which our Saviour is gone to prepare for us. *Amen.*

XVIII. For Devout Filial Obedience.

O LORD God, whose name alone is excellent, and whose praise is above heaven and earth; we adore and bless thy mercy for creating us after thine own image. May all thy creatures minister to thy praises in their several degrees. Give us grace, we beseech thee, that the laws of sanctity, of faith, and obedience, which thou hast given to us, may never be broken; that we, serving thee not only in the order of thy

creatures but in the capacity of thy children, may glorify thy holy name amongst the angels and the innumerable host of saints in thy kingdom. *Amen.*

XIX. Contrition.

O MERCIFUL Father, we take shame to ourselves that we have hitherto profited so little by thy forbearance and continuance of us in this life. With unfeigned sorrow we confess our sins before thee, seeking forgiveness at thy hands. And we thank thee, O Father of mercies, for the assurance of thy free pardon and acceptance, which thou hast offered to the penitent by our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us to correct and amend whatever has been amiss in our conduct and dispositions: and preserve us from falling into any former sins, of all which we now sincerely repent before thee: and may we grow wiser and better by our past frailties. O Lord God, we beseech thee, let thy grace be sufficient for us. *Amen.*

XX. That we may bring forth Fruits meet for Repentance.

O ALMIGHTY God, do thou assist us with thy grace, that we may be able to serve thee worthily and devoutly, in all purity, and with a good conscience. And if we live not in so great innocency as we ought to do, grant to us, at the least, sincerely to lament the sins we have committed; and in the spirit of humility, and with the full purpose of a good will, to resolve that we will serve thee more steadfastly for the time to come. *Amen.*

XXI. That we may not uncharitably Judge others.

O THOU Searcher of hearts, by whom alone actions and words and thoughts are justly weighed; keep far from us all disposition to judge and censure our brethren. Standing in constant need of thy forgiveness, may we not deprive ourselves of the appeal to thy mercy by uncharitably judging our fellow-men; but, in our conduct to each other, let mercy still rejoice against judgment, as we pray that it may do when we stand before thy awful tribunal. *Amen.*

XXII. That we may be preserved from Worldliness.

O MOST gracious and merciful Father, our defender and preserver; endue us with thy grace, that we may not be too careful for worldly things, but may make it our chief study and care to keep thy holy law; and that we may labour for the necessities of this world, like the birds of the air and the lilies of the field, without being careful for the morrow. In the spirit of thy dear Son we would cast all our care upon thee, who livest and reignest world without end. *Amen.*

XXIII. That we may receive the Blessing promised to the Poor in Spirit.

O GOD of light, Father of life, Author of grace, who givest, to those who are poor in spirit and put their trust in thee, a knowledge of such things as the very angels desire to look into; who hast brought us

out of darkness into light, from death to life, from bondage into liberty: even now, O Lord, do thou enlighten our understandings by thy Holy Spirit, and thoroughly sanctify us in body and in soul, through thy beloved Son. *Amen.*

XXIV. For Kind and Holy Dispositions.

O BLESSED God, may we endeavour to profit by thy divine instructions, by which we know that this world is only given as a preparation for heaven; and that we must here school our tempers to the charity and benevolence of thy kingdom of holy peace, where no feelings of hatred, anger, or pride can ever be admitted. O Lord, may we earnestly endeavour to obtain here such dispositions as may fit us for the company of the blessed in paradise, and of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XXV. Another.

O GOD, Fountain of mercy, dispose us, we beseech thee, to the love and practice of kindness and mercy, that we may have a tender fellow-feeling for the afflictions of our brethren; and may apply ourselves cheerfully to strengthen them in all goodness, to relieve their miseries, to supply their wants, and to comfort their sorrows. O may we be ever ready to assist the oppressed, to right the injured, to sustain the afflicted, to pardon them that have offended us, to render good for evil, to honour all men. Give us grace to imitate those who live well, and to beware of them

that do ill; make us patient in adversity, and moderate in prosperity. Set a watch before our mouths, and keep the door of our lips: and let our affections be fixed on heaven and heavenly things. *Amen.*

XXVI. The Holy Scriptures.

O GOD, who in times past didst speak to our fathers by the prophets, and in these last days to us by thy Son; we thank thee for the volume of thy Holy Word; for the plain and ample directions it contains; for the sublime instructions it affords; for the consolations and hopes it presents to the penitent, the afflicted, and the dying; for the immortal life it reveals to man; for the eternal glory and happiness it promises to those who love and strive to obey thee. By the light and assistance which it gives to our ignorance and frailty may we be enabled to order our steps aright; to keep thy laws and ordinances; and steadily to pursue that path of virtue and true holiness which leads to everlasting life. *Amen.*

XXVII. For Light from Heaven.

O HOLY Father, may that light which enlighteneth every man who cometh into the world shine into our minds, and kindle in our hearts the beginnings of heavenly life. And since by our souls we are as nearly allied to the world of spirits as by our bodies we are to this sensible world, grant that by degrees we may be prepared for that eternal state, and be translated

thither in thine own good time, improved in knowledge, in virtue, and in holiness, and fitted for communion with thy glorified Son and the saints in light. *Amen.*

XXVIII. That we may have a deep sense of the Reality of Divine Things.

THOU, O Lord, art the supreme ruler of the nations and the families of the earth: we beseech thee to add the demonstrations of thy Spirit to the demonstrations of thy power; that, when thy judgments are manifest in the world, the inhabitants thereof may learn righteousness. Give us, O God, an affecting sense of the realities with which we have to do; a God who is above us; a death, a judgment, and an eternity. *Amen.*

XXIX. For Strength to endure Suffering for Conscience' sake.

TO all those who may be ordained to suffer for thy sake, impart, O merciful God, such plentiful succour of thy Holy Spirit, pour into their hearts such contempt of pain and death, kindle within them such love of thee and zeal for thy truth, fill them with such an animating hope of immortality, give them so much of the spirit of him who died on the cross, that, after the example of the blessed saints and martyrs of the primitive ages, they may steadfastly confess thee before men, and, having by their sufferings glorified thy name upon earth, may attain the everlasting crown of righteousness in thy kingdom, with him who loved us and gave himself for us. *Amen.*

XXX. Trust in Divine Providence.

GOD of all goodness and love, we most humbly beseech thee to give us wisdom from above, that we may glorify thee and adore thy ways, which are in the great deep and past searching out. Teach us to submit to thy Providence in all things; to be content in all changes of person and condition; to be temperate in prosperity, and to read our duty in the lines of thy mercy; and in adversity to be meek, patient, and resigned; to look through the cloud, that we may wait for the consolation of the Lord and for the day of redemption; in the meanwhile doing our duty with an unwearied diligence and an undisturbed resolution, having no fondness for the vanities of this world, but laying up our hopes in heaven, and being strengthened with might by thy Spirit in the inner man, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XXXI. Another.

GRACIOUS God and Father, we thank thee for all the blessings we have received from thy bountiful hand; and also for the bitter experiences which thou hast turned to sweetness. We adore thy holy Providence which observes the least things, numbering the hairs of our heads, and watching over the raven and the sparrow. Trustful and grateful, we give ourselves up to thy fatherly keeping and guidance; and would pray, as thy beloved Son hath taught us, Thy will be done, as in heaven, so also on earth. *Amen.*

XXXII. Another.

ALMIGHTY God, who beholdest thy creatures encompassed with such darkness of ignorance that often they distrust thy Providence, thinking themselves forsaken when thou dost not immediately relieve them; O grant that with uplifted minds we may contemplate those things which thy holy word reveals; not doubting that thou lookest upon us, and givest thine angels charge to keep us, to bear us up in their hands, and to guide us in all difficulties. So may we wholly commit ourselves to thy fatherly care: and while we press forward to the mark of the prize of our high calling in Jesus Christ, do thou ever draw and direct us in the ways of thine appointment, until at length we be gathered into our rest. *Amen.*

XXXIII. Another.

O GOD, who forsakest none that place their confidence in thee; we pray thee, through thy fatherly goodness, and through Jesus thy beloved Son, give us a child-like trust in thee, and a constant mistrust in ourselves, that in all our needs, anxieties, and dangers, we may seek thee as our refuge; for thou knowest what is needful for us, and thou canst best help us. To thy loving-kindness we commit ourselves and all who are dear to us. Grant only, O holy Father, that we may never displease thee, but may always be faithful to our duty, while we wait with patience for the issues of thy gracious and all-wise Providence. *Amen.*

XXXIV. That we may put our Trust wholly in God.

O LORD God, thou art our refuge and our hope: on thee alone we rest; for we find all to be weak and insufficient but thee. Many friends cannot profit, nor strong helpers assist, nor prudent counsellors advise, nor the books of the learned afford comfort, nor any precious substance deliver, nor any place give shelter, unless thou thyself dost assist, strengthen, console, instruct and guard us.

To thee, therefore, do we lift up our eyes; in thee, our God, the Father of mercies, do we put our trust. Bless and sanctify our souls, that they may become thy holy habitation, and the seat of thine eternal glory; and let nothing be found in us displeasing in thy sight. Protect and keep us amidst all dangers; and, accompanying us by thy grace, direct us along the way of peace to thine everlasting home. *Amen.*

XXXV. Another.

GRACIOUS Lord, infinite in goodness, of whose love not only the prosperity of thy people but even also their afflictions are proofs; may we at all times remember and feel that thou art our Father; and that thou art no less tender and merciful to us when thou chastenest us, than when thou surroundest us with every comfort and indulgence. Though, however, we ask not exemption from sorrow, which is the lot of the saints in light, we yet ask that we may not be left to the sorrows of nature without the consolations of thy

Spirit: and though we ask not for plenitude of good things without alloy of suffering, for that is the life of glory, we yet pray that we may not suffer thy chastisements without comfort, but may experience chastisements and comforts together; and that in due time our afflictions may be removed, and our joys only remain. But in all things we would commit ourselves into thy hands. Thou alone knowest what is best for us; and do thou grant that, with a humble and perfect submission, and in entire confidence and with heartfelt adoration, we may receive all the allotments of thy divine Providence. *Amen.*

XXXVI. In Time of Trouble.

O GOD, thou art our hope and our strength, a very present help in time of need. Look down upon us with thy fatherly pity, and give us hearts wholly resigned to thy divine will. May we have such firm confidence in thy good Providence as not to increase our trouble by our own infirmities. Take from us gloomy forebodings and a spirit of fear. Blessed be thy name, our sorrows are finite and temporal, less than our sins, and infinitely less than thy mercies. O may it be our great care to please thee, our only fear lest we should sin against thee. Let thy loving-kindness be our portion, thy Spirit our guide, thy law the rule of our conduct; and so with patience may we wait till this cloud is passed over. *Amen.*

XXXVII. In Time of Mourning.

ALMIGHTY God, who governest all things in heaven and on earth with infinite wisdom and mercy, and

dost encourage us to fly to thee as our refuge in distress; refresh thy sorrowing children with the light of thy countenance, and the consolations of thy Holy Spirit. Be thou now to us, we humbly beseech thee, what thou lovest to be, a Father to those who are in trouble, and a God of comfort to those who mourn. Grant that we thy servants may not weep as those who are without hope, nor complain of anything but ourselves, nor desire anything but that thy will may be done, nor do anything but what is agreeable to thy holy word and commandment. O heavenly Father, when thou smitest us, not less than when thou pourest out blessings on us, may our love to thee increase: and when the few years of our earthly pilgrimage are ended, may we be gathered to our fathers in thy peace, and in the blessed hope of a joyful resurrection, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

XXXVIII. In Time of Adversity.

O HOLY Father, help us to labour for those enduring riches which consist in the knowledge of thee, and in the glory of thy gracious presence. Suffer us not, we pray thee, so to limit thy power as to think that thou art not now able to supply our real wants, though blessings which we were wont to enjoy are taken from us. Restrain, we beseech thee, our desires: teach us willingly to submit ourselves to thy wisdom. Let thy promises and Providence be our storehouse: let it be enough for us to believe as we do, that though we lose all we possess, yet, inasmuch as thou hast once

loved us in Christ, we shall never lose thy favour. Through him be ascribed unto thee glory and dominion, world without end. *Amen.*

XXXIX. For Harmony with God's Will.

O LORD, we know not what we ought to ask of thee. Thou alone knowest what we need; and thou lovest us better than we can love ourselves. O Father, give to us, who desire to be thy children, what is best for us. We dare not pray for either crosses or comforts. We present ourselves before thee; we open our hearts to thee. Behold our wants, which we are ignorant of; behold them, and do according to thy mercy. Smite or heal; cast us down, or raise us up. We adore all thy purposes, though we know them not. We are silent. We yield ourselves up to thee; having no greater desire than to do thy will as humble disciples of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

XL. That we may commit those whom we love to the Keeping of our Heavenly Father.

O LORD God of heaven and earth, for those who belong to us may we neither be without care, nor yet taken up with care, as if we had not thee to care for us. But let us assure ourselves that thou wilt be our God, and the God of our children; and wilt not leave them destitute of earthly blessings, for whom thou hast provided an eternal inheritance. With this confidence may we go on our way with cheerfulness, fulfilling every duty as it arises, and leaving all events trustfully to thee, our merciful God and Father. *Amen.*

XLI. For Unity.

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of peace; give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord: that as there is but one body and one spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart, and of one soul; and, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, may glorify thy blessed name for ever and ever. *Amen.*

XLII. For a Fruitful Season: to be used in Spring.

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all things, who causest the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man; who bringest forth fruit out of the earth, and dost bless the springing thereof; be pleased graciously to look down from thy holy habitation in heaven upon us thy people, and upon the land wherein we dwell; that both it may become fruitful and yield its increase, and we may grow in wisdom and in goodness, bringing forth plenteously the fruit of good works, as disciples of him who came to sow in us the seeds of eternal life. *Amen.*

XLIII. Thanksgiving for a Fruitful Season.

ALMIGHTY and eternal Lord God, who art infinite in power and wisdom and goodness with

hearts deeply sensible of thy tender care and concern for us, we most humbly beseech thee to accept our tribute of thanks and praise for the return of that joyous season in which thou makest our fields to yield an abundant increase. On thy fatherly protection and kindness we will steadfastly rely for the supply of our wants; for thou carest for us. But, O heavenly Father, while we rejoice in thy outward bounty, do thou keep us ever mindful that man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth; and grant that we may not cease to labour more earnestly for those everlasting blessings which thou hast vouchsafed to us in thy beloved Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

XLIV. Another.

WE praise thee, O God, who hast opened to us thy good treasure, and given us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness. Blessed be God for the plenty wherewith he hath loaded the earth. He watcheth over all the earth, and causeth it to bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater. Let all the world rejoice and be glad in him who prepareth a table for us, and satisfieth our mouths with good things, and maketh our cup to run over. O that our hearts may overflow with love and thankfulness to thee, O God; that we may never forget or abuse thy goodness; but by a sober, charitable, and devout use of thy blessings, may be made fit for the continual increase of them, till they be perfected in eternal life. *Amen.*

XLV. All Saints.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together all generations of the faithful in one communion and fellowship, in thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; grant us grace to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living; and make us partakers with them of those unspeakable joys which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee. *Amen.*

XLVI. The Ordination of Ministers.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of thine infinite love and goodness hast firmly established the Church of thy Son on earth; raise up, we beseech thee, a constant succession of faithful Ministers; and give them grace to remember that the servants of the Lord ought not to strive, but to be gentle to all, apt to teach, patient, instructing in meekness him that opposeth. May they become examples to their flocks in holy living, teaching not only by their doctrine, but also by their practice. Thou, O gracious Father, knowest what things are needful for this high calling: multiply these gifts on thy servants; and crown their labours with thy blessing, that the work of the great shepherd of souls may prosper in their hands. *Amen.*

XLVII. In behalf of a Sick Person for whom the Prayers of the Congregation are requested.

ALMIGHTY and ever-blessed God, our refuge and our hope; stretch forth, we pray thee, thy

healing hand on thy servant, for whom in *his* sickness our prayers are desired: but, O heavenly Father, grant that *he* may so acknowledge thy fatherly love in this and all *his* trials, that whatsoever thou mayest appoint concerning *him, he* may be wholly resigned to thy gracious will. *Amen.*

XLVIII. Thanksgiving after Childbirth.

WE thank thee, O heavenly Father, for thy gracious Providence over our homes, and especially over that home in which thou hast given ease and deliverance to the mother, life to the infant, and gladness to all. Grant that the parents may have grace and wisdom to bring up their child as even still more thine than their own; and as thou hast added to the number of mankind, so in thy good time add also to the Church of thy dear Son, and to the blessed of that kingdom which hath no end. *Amen.*

If the Child be Dead, the following may be used.

O LORD God, we would join with thy servants who desire to thank thee in thy Church for thy gracious Providence in a time of trial and danger. For the life thou hast preserved we fervently bless thee; and the life which thou hast withheld we would humbly resign to thee, in full reliance on thy fatherly wisdom and goodness. *Amen.*

XLIX. In Time of General Sickness.

ALMIGHTY and ever-blessed God, in the midst of life we are in death: of whom shall we seek for succour but of thee, O Lord? Stretch forth thy hand, we beseech thee, and turn from us this great sickness and mortality with which we are now visited. But, O merciful Father, as thou dost never chasten us but for our good, may we be still more anxious for a humble and teachable heart than for immediate relief from bodily danger; not doubting thy desire to bring all our afflictions to a speedy and happy end. In every time of trouble give us grace, O Lord God, to help and comfort one another in the spirit of thy Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

L. When General Health is Restored.

BLESSED be thy goodness, O Lord, which hath preserved so many of us alive in the midst of a great mortality, and hath restored health to our land. Thou hast been our refuge and our fortress, our God in whom we trust. Grant, we beseech thee, that we may devote our renewed strength to thee with increased zeal and earnestness, as true disciples of thy Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

LI. In Time of War.

O LORD, our Creator and Preserver, who hast made of one blood all nations of men to dwell upon the face of the earth; we cry to thee in our distress,

and beseech thee to look down in mercy on the terrible conflicts which are destroying the lives, and estranging the hearts, of thy children. O breathe upon thy people the spirit of thy Son; and grant that the work of righteousness may be peace, and the effect of righteousness quiet and assurance for ever. *Amen.*

LII. When Peace is Restored.

BLESSED be thou, O God, who stillest the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people. We praise and thank thee for our deliverance from those great evils and dangers wherewith we were compassed; and we most earnestly beseech thee to fill us with the spirit of kindness and forbearance; that no bitterness may remain in our hearts, and that we may lead henceforth a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

LIII. Another.

O GOD, who hast manifested thy great power by breaking the bow, the sword, and the battle; we bless thee for the mercies, and rejoice in the might, of thy all-controlling Providence. If thou give quiet, who then can raise up trouble? May the solemn and affecting lessons of these late awful events not pass away from our minds as a tale that is told, but bear fruits of righteousness in all the time to come. O Lord most High, while we beseech thee to endue us with courage to make every personal sacrifice for the

defence of inalienable rights, or for the abiding welfare of our fellow-men, we fervently pray that the spirit of violence may give way before the gospel of peace, and that the sounds of war and bloodshed may be heard no more. And now, O Lord, grant us thy grace; that the remembrance of all past injuries may be blotted out by mutual good offices, and that the miseries of enmity may be forgotten in the charities of reconciliation, and that the spirit of good-will and brotherly love may prevail in the great family of mankind, through thy Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

LIV. For this Kingdom.

ALMIGHTY God, who rulest over all the kingdoms of the earth, and on whose gracious Providence we depend evermore for preservation and prosperity; extend, we beseech thee, thy paternal goodness to the people of this kingdom. Our necessities and dangers are all known to thee. Vouchsafe to guide us continually with thy counsel, and strengthen us with thy power: and so direct and sanctify our hearts, that, looking up to thee as our only safeguard and the supreme author of all blessings, we may have the unspeakable blessing of thy Almighty protection and thy heavenly favour. *Amen.*

LV. For all Mankind.

MOST gracious Father, let thy blessing rest on every member of thy great human family, May

every one be a partaker of thy gospel in Jesus Christ. Grant that the bright beams of thy truth may shine upon those who are walking in darkness; till all the kindreds of thy people shall know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. *Amen.*

COLLECTS

THAT MAY BE USED BEFORE OR AFTER SERMON.

O ALMIGHTY Lord and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul. *Amen.*

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears may through thy grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BLESSED be thou, O God and Father, for the rest and instruction of this day; and as we often read and hear of the way in which we ought to walk so as to

please thee, O grant that we may steadfastly walk therein as true disciples of thy Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O LORD, strengthen our faith; kindle it more in fervour, and in love to thee and our neighbour. Suffer us not, most holy Father, to receive thy word in vain; but grant us always the assistance of thy grace, that in heart, word, and deed, we may be thine in Christ for evermore. *Amen.*

UNTO thee, O God, we offer up ourselves and all that is ours; beseeching thee to preserve and guide us, to direct our hands and minds and tongues to things that are honest and acceptable to thee, and to withdraw us from anything from which it were better to abstain. *Amen.*

O GOD, who by thy dear Son hast opened the passage to eternity through his victory over sin; vouchsafe to us, we beseech thee, the constant help of thy Spirit; that, walking steadfastly in the way of thy commandments, and growing in virtue and holiness to the end, we may live and die according to thy will, and be admitted to dwell in thy heavenly presence. *Amen.*

GRACIOUS Father, give us a sincere repentance and full pardon for our sins; and grant that for the time to come we may serve thee with free and joyous hearts, conversing justly and charitably with men, and possessing our souls in sanctification and honour, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

BEFORE OR AFTER SERMON.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, according to thy great goodness forgive thy servants who acknowledge their offences against thee; that thy mercy may more powerfully prevail for our pardon, than our guilt call on thee for punishment. This we humbly beg through thy fatherly love in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that we may carefully watch over our tempers and every unholy feeling; that, by conforming to thy will in small things, we may hope by thy protection and help to pass safely through the greater dangers and trials to which we may be exposed. *Amen.*

O MERCIFUL God, our strength and succour at all times; grant that in the time of prosperity we may not forget thee, but with our whole hearts cleave unto thee; and that in the time of adversity we may not fall into impatience or despair, but always with a constant faith call for help unto thee, our gracious and merciful heavenly Father. *Amen.*

O GOD, our heavenly Father, pour down upon us thy grace, that we, being assured of thy favourable goodness, may rejoice and glory in thee, and have cheerful hearts whenever we are in adversity, be it sickness, or worldly disappointment, or any kind of trouble; always putting our trust in thy mercy, revealed to us by thy Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY and most glorious God, at whose command the winds blow and the rain falls, to

make the ground fruitful and the seed to bring forth its expected increase; who makest harvest to follow seed-time, and him that soweth and him that reapeth to rejoice together; bless now, we beseech thee, the ground of our hearts with the breath and the dew of thy Holy Spirit; that as this is our seed-time, every day of the coming week may bring forth its increase in love to thee, and simple obedience to thy will. And now, O Lord God, stretch forth thy hand full of blessings, and let the peace of Christ dwell in our hearts for ever. *Amen.*

MOST gracious Father, who hast brought us to the close of this day; let thy grace be with us through the coming week. Grant that the professions our lips have uttered, and the truths our ears have heard, may remind us, through the tumult of our earthly occupations, of that higher service we owe unto thee; so that neither the love of anything we desire here, nor the fear of anything we dread, may withdraw our eyes from the prize of our high calling in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

AND now, O heavenly Father, let thy parting blessing descend upon us: and grant, we humbly beseech thee, that as we go forth to the duties of our earthly station and to our occupations among men, we may bear about with us the marks of a holy converse enjoyed with thee, through thy infinite grace and mercy in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

SPECIAL SERVICES.

THE ORDER OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, OR HOLY COMMUNION.

¶ *The Minister, standing by the Lord's Table, shall say one or more of the following sentences:*

BLESSED are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. *Matt.* v. 6.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said, My Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. *John* vi. 32, 33. 35.

And the Spirit and the Church say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. *Rev.* xxii. 17.

By one Spirit are we baptized into one body, and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. Being many we are one, being partakers of one bread. 1 *Cor.* xii. 13. and x. 17.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him, and he with me. *Rev.* iii. 20.

Christ, our passover, is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. 1 *Cor.* v. 7, 8.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said, Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. *John* xv. 4, 5.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father, I have made known unto you. *John* xv. 13–15.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. *Matt.* xi. 28.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John* iii. 16.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say one of the following Addresses, or any other he may think suitable.*

DEARLY beloved brethren, now that we have gathered around the table to which our Lord Jesus

Christ has himself, in the most affecting words, invited us, let me remind you what are the dispositions suited to a participation in this holy and blessed service of love. Repent deeply of your sins: amend your lives: be in perfect charity with all men: and, above all, give most humble and hearty thanks to our Father in heaven for the word and work of his Son, Jesus Christ; who did humble himself even to the death of the cross, that he might make us in spirit children of God; and who hath instituted this sacred ordinance, that we may remember his exceeding love, and by cherishing a holy fellowship with him be partakers of his joy, and bring forth the fruits of righteousness. Wherefore let us turn towards him with our hearts: then we shall dwell in Christ, and Christ in us; we shall be one with Christ and with God; and all will be perfected in one.

Or

DEARLY beloved brethren, we come to this table to testify not that we are righteous, but that we sincerely love our Lord Jesus Christ, and that we desire to be his true disciples. We come to receive, not only the mercy of an hour, but that which may spring up to endless joy. We come, not only to do the duty of an hour, but to promise that which we must perform while we live on earth.

And now, to this end, lift up your minds and hearts on high, where Jesus Christ abideth in the glory of his Father. Dwell not alone upon these earthly and corruptible elements, which are present to our eyes, and which we feel with our hands, as if he were enclosed

in the bread or in the wine. For then will our souls be disposed to receive food and life, when they shall be lifted up above worldly things, even unto heaven, and enter into the kingdom of God. Let us be satisfied to have this bread and this wine for witnesses and signs; seeking spiritually the truth, where God's word hath promised that we shall find it.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say one of the three following Prayers, all kneeling.*

1.

ALMIGHTY and ever blessed God, whose infinite grace and mercy have been revealed to mankind by thy Son Jesus Christ; we thine unworthy servants, deeply sensible of our manifold transgressions, but encouraged by thy goodness and loving-kindness, do most humbly beseech thee to accept us at this time, and to inspire our hearts with such earnest desires after heavenly food, as may be in some measure suitable to our great need of it: and thus, coming to this table with a true spiritual hunger and thirst, may our souls find the refreshing grace and strength which are necessary to support us and carry us forward in our Christian course. Grant this, O holy Father, for thy great love to us in Jesus Christ.

2.

WE do not presume to come to this table, O merciful Father, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for our past sins. But, O *Lord* God, thy mercy endureth for ever. Grant us,

therefore, so to partake of these emblems of the body and blood of Jesus Christ, that by faith our souls may be purified from all evil, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

3.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who hast commended thy love towards us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Jesus Christ died for us; who did exhort his disciples to observe this holy ordinance, saying to them, Do this in remembrance of me; accept us, we beseech thee, as lowly disciples of thy dear Son. O merciful Father, we are unworthy of the crumbs which fall from thy table; yet dost thou feed us with the bread of life which cometh down from heaven. Hosannah in the highest; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister read the following words:*

I HAVE received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come. 1 *Cor.* xi. 23–26.

THE CONSECRATION

Then shall the Priest say the following Prayer, all kneeling:

FATHER, of our sinful mortality, of Christ's life and sufferings, his death upon the cross, his resurrection and ascension, and his seat at thy right hand, we have partaken of this bread and this wine in remembrance of him. We beseech thee to sanctify them and us; and may we who thus eat of one bread and drink of one cup be made one with each other in the fellowship of the same Holy Spirit, and one with thee and thy dear Son.

And in this our communion we remember, and beseech thee to remember and bless, the multitudes of every name who are joined with us in one household of faith, our brethren and sisters in Christ throughout the world.

We remember those who have fallen asleep in Christ, and in the joyful hope of resurrection unto eternal life.

We remember the fathers from the beginning of the world; the patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and all who have wrought righteousness.

We remember all such as journey; all who are in sickness or distress; and we would forgive our enemies, if there be any who have wished or done us ill.

We remember the whole family of man; beseeching thee that the spirits of all flesh may taste of thy grace, and that the ends of the earth may see the salvation of God.

And unto us, O Lord God, vouchsafe such guidance, that as Christians and blameless we may spend the *remainder of* our lives.

Accept, O holy and ever-blessed Father, these our supplications. May our offerings find favour in thy sight, and be as the odour of spiritual incense. *Amen.*

¶ *Or, instead of the foregoing Hymn and Prayer, may be said one of these Offerings of Praise, and the Prayer following.*

1.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we give thanks to thee, for the gracious manifestations of thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, Father Almighty.

We bless thee for sending thy beloved Son into the world to save sinners; for exalting him to thy right hand in heaven; for all the gifts and graces of thy Holy Spirit, and for the hope of eternal life.

Thou alone art wise, and holy, and good; thou alone art the Lord; thou alone dost govern all things both in heaven and earth.

Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto thee who sittest upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. *Amen.*

2.

BLESSED be thou, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hast blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.

Blessed be thou, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, according to thine abundant mercy,

hast begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him who sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. *Amen.*

O LORD, our heavenly Father, we thy servants earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and obedience to thy will, we may obtain the pardon of our sins and everlasting life.

Here we offer and present ourselves to thee, O Lord, our souls and bodies, as a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. And although, through our manifold sins, we feel ourselves wholly unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, according to thine abundant mercies in Christ Jesus our Lord; through whom all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Here may be sung a Hymn; after which, the Service may be closed with the following Benediction.*

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. *Amen.* *Phil.* iv. 7.

THE MINISTRATION OF

BAPTISM TO INFANTS.

¶ *All those who are present standing up, the Minister shall say:*

HEAR the words of the Gospel written by St. Mark, in the tenth chapter, at the thirteenth verse:

They brought young children to Christ, that he should touch them; and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say:*

BELOVED, ye hear in this Gospel the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, that he commanded the children to be brought unto him; how he blamed those that would have kept them from him; how he exhorteth all men to follow their innocency. Ye perceive how by his outward gesture and deed he declared his good will toward them; for he embraced

them in his arms, and laid his hands upon them, and blessed them. Doubt ye not therefore, but earnestly believe, his readiness to receive this present infant as a partaker of his kingdom: and assuredly ye may ask in faith for the divine blessing on your earnest purpose to bring up your dear child as a child of God, and an heir of eternal life.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast promised unto us that thou wilt not only be our God, but the God and Father of our children; admit this infant, we beseech thee, into the bosom of thy Church, into the service of Christ, into the arms of thy mercy, and into the communion of saints. Grant to *him* a healthful body, a good understanding, sweet dispositions, and rich measures of thy Holy Spirit; that being steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and rooted in charity, *he* may pass safely through the temptations of this world, and have part with thy faithful children in the life to come. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say to the Parents or Guardians of the Child:*

WILL you faithfully and earnestly teach this child to shun everything that is evil, and to resist all sinful inclinations, so that *he* may not follow or be led by them?

Answer. I will.

Will you instruct *him* in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ?

Answer. I will.

Will you exhort *him* to keep God's holy will and commandments, and to walk in the same all the days of *his* life?

Answer. I will.

¶ *Or, instead of the foregoing Questions and Answers, the Minister may say as follows; the Parents or Guardians responding with* 'AMEN.'

BY the act of bringing this child here at this time, you express in the most solemn manner your desire and resolve to instruct *him* in the gospel of Christ, and in every way to do what lieth in you to enable *him* to resist sinful inclinations, and to keep God's holy will and commandments. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Minister shall take the Child into his arms, and shall say to the Parents or Guardians:*

Name this child.

¶ *Then shall he say:*

This water is an emblem of the purity which Christ desires in the souls of all those who come to him.

And, naming the Child, he shall apply the water in the usual way, saying:

I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Or

I baptize thee in the name of Jesus Christ.

¶ *If a simple Form of Dedication be preferred, the Minister, naming the Child after the Parents or Guardians, shall say:*

I dedicate thee to the kingdom of God through his Son Jesus Christ.

Or

In the name of Jesus Christ, I dedicate thee to God, our Father in heaven.

¶ *Then shall follow this Benediction:*

THE God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ bless and shelter thee; and through his Son and by his Holy Spirit aid thee in infirmities, comfort thee in sorrow, guide thee into all truth, and at length receive thee into his heavenly presence. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Minister shall deliver to the Parents the following or some other suitable Address:*

MY brother and sister, keep in your minds, I beseech you, the solemn and truly parental vow which you have made this day. Earnestly endeavour to qualify yourselves for the task which you have undertaken, and which cannot but be greatly sweetened by your tender love for your child. *His* love for you, and the natural teachableness of childhood, are the best preparation for receiving from you the first lessons in religion. You have promised to instruct *him* in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Think not that this work will be done when you have imparted a knowledge of the letter of Scripture: that which stamps the true Christian is a participation in

the Saviour's spirit. Early let the Almighty Father hear the lisped prayers of your little one whom he loves and cares for as his own. In those first years which, as a seed-time, are so precious, do all you can in every way to form right habits, and to cherish virtuous principles and sweet and holy affections. Let me remind you that what you are yourselves is far more important than anything you say, and is also a commentary whereby your direct teaching will be interpreted. Let, therefore, the atmosphere of your home be favourable to the growth of the young spirit whom God has given you to nurture for immortality. The prayer you now offer up is one of many, may I not say, daily prayers, that you may be enabled to fulfil your parental duties. May God's blessing rest upon you and yours; and when death shall cause separation in your home, as it must do at some time, may you still be one family,—one family in heaven and on earth; and at length may you all be happily gathered together in the life that shall never end. *Amen.*

¶ *If the Child be under the care of Guardians, not Parents, the Address may be as follows:*

MY Christian friends, you have undertaken to bring up this child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord: it would be impossible for you to have undertaken a greater responsibility, or a more holy and blessed work. Our Lord Jesus has said of children, "Their angels do always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven." You have promised to instruct

this child in the holy gospel. Think not that the work of religious instruction is done when you have imparted a knowledge of the letter of Scripture: that which stamps the true Christian is a participation in the Saviour's spirit. Early let the Almighty Father hear the lisped prayers of this little one whom he loves and cares for as his own. In those first years which, as a seed-time, are so precious, do all you can to form right habits, and to cherish virtuous principles and sweet and holy affections. Earnestly endeavour, I beseech you, to qualify yourselves in every way for a faithful discharge of your duties. Let your daily conduct be such, that this child may always look up to you with respect and love, and learn the lessons of religion from your life as well as from your lips. Remember that what you are is more important than anything you say, and is also a commentary whereby your direct teaching will be interpreted. Now may God accept your good purpose, and prosper the work of your hands; and hereafter may you have the happiness of seeing that not in vain have you laboured to sow the seeds of eternal life. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, whose love for thy children is declared to be greater than a mother's tenderness; let thy fatherly hand be over this helpless one to preserve *him* from danger and to make *him* a partaker of the blessing of those who seek thee early. Endue these thy servants, O God, with wisdom from above. Help them in thine own best way to consecrate to thy

service this cherished gift of thy goodness. Finally, O heavenly Father, we give thee humble thanks for all of us now assembled before thee, that thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of thy will and to the faith of thy gospel. Increase this knowledge and confirm this faith in us evermore; that we may be enabled to subdue all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily advance in all virtue and godliness of living, till we come to that eternal kingdom which thou hast promised by Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Lord's Prayer, to be said after the Minister:*

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then the Benediction:*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Or

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our minds and hearts in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God the Father Almighty be amongst us and remain with us always. *Amen.*

THE MINISTRATION OF

BAPTISM TO SUCH AS ARE OF RIPER YEARS.

¶ *All those who are present standing up, the Minister shall say:*

HEAR the words of the Gospel by St. John, in the third chapter, beginning at the first verse:

There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it

cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

¶ *After which, the Minister shall say as follows:*

BELOVED, ye hear these words of our Saviour Christ. Likewise, immediately before his ascension into heaven, as we read in St. Matthew's Gospel, he gave commandment to his disciples, saying, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Also the Apostle Peter, when upon his first preaching of the gospel many were pricked at the heart, and said to him and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" replied and said unto them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." And with many other words exhorted he them, saying, "Save yourselves from this untoward generation." For (as the same Apostle testifieth in another place) "even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ." Doubt ye not, therefore, but earnestly believe, that our *brother* here present, drawing nigh in repentance and faith to make this solemn profession of discipleship, may be a partaker of Christ's kingdom; and may have through him effectual light and help to live as a child of God, and an heir of eternal life.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, the helper of all that need, the giver of life and of every good and perfect gift; look graciously, we beseech thee, upon this thy servant. Admit *him* into the bosom of thy Church, into the service of Christ, into the arms of thy mercy, and into the communion of saints. This we humbly beg for thy great love declared to us by thy Son. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister address the following words to the person to be baptized:*

WELL-BELOVED, you have come hither desiring to receive holy baptism, and have heard how the congregation have prayed with you, that you may be admitted into the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. You know what divine help has been promised if you seek it; how our Lord Jesus Christ hath said, Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Will you, therefore, renounce the fellowship of evil, and endeavour to learn and do the will of God as revealed by Jesus Christ?

¶ *Then the person about to be baptized shall answer:*

It is my earnest desire and prayer to be enabled so to do.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say:*

This water is an emblem of the purity which Christ desires in the souls of all who come to him.

OF RIPER YEARS.

¶ *In administering the ordinance of Baptism the Minister may use either of the following forms:*

I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Or

I baptize thee in the name of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say the following Prayer:*

DEFEND, O Lord, this thy child with thy heavenly grace, that *he* may continue thine for ever. Daily increase in *him* thy Holy Spirit, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and inward strength, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, until *he* come unto thine everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

Minister. Our help is in the name of the Lord;
Answer. Who hath made heaven and earth.
Minister. Blessed be the name of the Lord;
Answer. Henceforth, world without end.
Minister. Lord, hear our prayers;
Answer. And let our cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; graft in our hearts the love of thy name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall follow this Benediction:*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Or this:

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *At the subsequent administration of the Communion, the Minister may address the newly-baptized person as follows:*

I BESEECH you, my *brother,* who have this day made a public profession of faith, that you walk answerably to your Christian calling, and as becometh the childrenof light; remembering always that baptism representeth unto us our profession, which is to follow the example of our Saviour Christ, and to be made like unto him: that, as he died and rose again for us, so should we who are baptized die to sin and rise again unto righteousness; continually mortifying all our corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in all virtue and godliness of living.

THE ORDER OF CONFIRMATION.

¶ *Those about to be confirmed standing in order before the Minister, he shall say:*

DEARLY beloved, in your infancy, when you could not know the blessedness of the Christian religion, those who best loved you expressed in the most solemn manner, with prayer to Almighty God, their desire that you should be partakers of this inestimable blessedness; and pledged themselves to instruct you in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. You have now reached an age at which it might reasonably be hoped, that you would, by your own voluntary act, take upon yourselves the responsibility of a public Christian profession: and forasmuch as you have signified your desire so to do, let me ask you in the presence of this congregation, Will you renounce the fellowship of evil, and endeavour to learn and do the will of God as revealed by Jesus Christ?

¶ *Each of those about to be confirmed shall audibly answer:*

IT is my earnest desire and prayer to be enabled so to do.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say the following Prayer; all kneeling.*

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, the Father of our spirits, who delightest to do us good; strengthen, we beseech thee, these thy servants in their holy purpose; and daily increase in them thy manifold gifts of grace, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and inward strength, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness. Grant this, O blessed God, through thy love to us in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *Then, all standing, the Minister may lay his hand upon the head of every one severally, saying:*

DEFEND, O Lord, this thy child with thy heavenly grace, that *he* may continue thine for ever, and may daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more, until *he* come unto thy everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

The Lord be with you.
Answer. And with thy spirit.
Minister. Our help is in the name of the Lord;
Answer. Who hath made heaven and earth.
Minister. Blessed be the name of the Lord;
Answer. Henceforth, world without end.
Minister. Lord, hear our prayers.
Answer. And let our cry come unto thee.

¶ *Then the Lord's Prayer, to be said after the Minister; all kneeling.*

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on

earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say the following Collects.*

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who makest us both to will and to do those things that be good and acceptable unto thy divine Majesty; we would offer our humble supplications unto thee for these thy servants who have made a public profession of their Christian faith, and expressed their earnest desire and prayer to be enabled to fulfil their duties as disciples of Jesus Christ. Let thy fatherly hand ever be over them: let thy Holy Spirit ever be with them: guide and help, strengthen and sanctify them, we beseech thee; that, by the living bond of obedience and charity, they may be united to thee and thy beloved Son. *Amen.*

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; graft in our hearts the love of thy name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall follow this Benediction:*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Or this:

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *Here may follow an Address suited to the occasion.*

THE FORM OF

SOLEMNIZATION OF MATRIMONY.

¶ *The persons to be married and their friends being assembled, together with the Registrar of Marriages legally appointed to that office, the Minister shall say :*

DEARLY beloved, we are gathered together here in the sight of God and in the face of this congregation, to join together this Man and this Woman in holy Matrimony : which is an honourable estate, instituted of God ; adorned and sanctioned by Christ's presence at the marriage feast at Cana of Galilee ; and set forth and commended in the Christian scriptures as innocent and honourable to all who engage in it not unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, discreetly, and soberly, with purity of heart, and in the fear of God. Therefore if any man can show just cause why these two may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter for ever hold his peace.

¶ *Then speaking to the persons about to be married, the Man standing at the Woman's right hand, the Minister shall say :*

MY Christian brother and sister, I require and charge you both, as ye will answer at the awful day

of judgment, when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, that if either of you know any impediment, why ye may not be lawfully joined together in Matrimony, ye do now confess it.

¶ *If no impediment be alleged, then shall the Man make the following declaration, repeating it after the Minister.*

I DO solemnly declare, that I know not of any lawful impediment why I (*stating Christian and Surname*) may not be joined in Matrimony to (*stating the Woman's Christian and Surname*).

¶ *Then shall the Minister say to the Man:*

WILT thou have this Woman to thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honour, and keep her in sickness and in health so long as ye both shall live?

¶ *The Man shall answer:*

I will.

¶ *In like manner the Woman shall make the following declaration, repeating it after the Minister.*

I DO solemnly declare, that I know not of any lawful impediment why I (*stating Christian and Surname*) may not be joined in Matrimony to (*stating the Man's Christian and Surname*).

¶ *Then shall the Minister say to the Woman:*

WILT thou have this Man to thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy

estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love him, comfort him, honour, and keep him in sickness and in health, so long as ye both shall live?

¶ *The Woman shall answer:*

I will.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

Who giveth this Woman to be married to this Man?

¶ *Then shall they give their troth to each other in this manner:—*

The Minister, receiving the Woman at her father's or friend's hand, shall cause the Man with his right hand to take the Woman by her right hand, and to say as follows:

I call upon these persons here present to witness, that I, *A. B.*, do take thee, *C. D.*, to be my lawful wedded wife.

¶ *Then the Woman, with her right hand taking the Man by his right hand, shall likewise say after the Minister:*

I call upon these persons here present to witness, that I, *C. D.*, do take thee, *A. B.*, to be my lawful wedded husband.

¶ *The Minister, having received the ring from the Man, shall deliver it back to him, to put it upon the fourth finger of the Woman's left hand. This being done, and the married persons again joining hands, the Minister shall say:*

BY this token, the ancient and accepted symbol of conjugal love, you, *A. B.* and *C. D.*, do declare yourselves wedded to one another, as husband and wife, according to God's holy ordinance and the law of this

land: and you now solemnly engage and pledge yourselves, each to the other, to live together in this holy bond; taking each other, from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do you part.

¶ *The Husband and Wife shall severally answer:*

We do.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

FORASMUCH as these, our brother and sister, have thus engaged and pledged themselves, each to the other, before God and this company, I pronounce them henceforth husband and wife.

And hear ye the sacred injunction of our Lord Jesus Christ respecting the union of man and woman in wedlock, "What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

¶ *Then shall the Minister pronounce the following Benediction:*

MAY Almighty God, the Father of families, and the giver of all heavenly grace, send down his blessing on you: that you may steadfastly perform and keep the vow and covenant now betwixt you made, and may henceforth dwell together in perfect peace and love; strengthening and helping each other to perform your duties as disciples of Jesus Christ, and having joy in each other that passeth not away. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Minister may say either the following Address, or any which he may have prepared for the occasion.*

MY brother and sister, you have looked up to heaven to bless and consecrate your union: I beseech you to bear in mind and to fulfil well your part. Marriage represents the nearest kind of human love. How much is expressed in the words, "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife; and they twain shall be one flesh!"

And the Apostle writes, "Husbands love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave himself for it, that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word; that he might present it to himself a glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish."

God has given you to each other: let this be an additional motive with you to give yourselves to God. You have joined your hands in your heavenward pilgrimage: be true helpers of each other to fulfil the perfect law of Christ. Keep a strict watch over yourselves; but exact not too much one from the other, and deal tenderly with each other's infirmities. Many hopes cluster around the new home which you are about to establish: let none be stronger than that it may be indeed a Christian home, in which you, and all whom God shall be pleased to commit to your charge, may live a holy and blessed life, in simplicity and godly sincerity. Let the word of God be a lamp to your feet and a light in your path. You will have great duties and responsibilities; but you will be able to

meet them, if you seek the divine helps which have been graciously vouchsafed to you in Christ Jesus. You will have your times of trial and sorrow; but not more than you can bear, if you regard them as sent by your heavenly Father, and receive them in a childlike spirit, and look to him for succour. Daily let the voice of praise and prayer ascend from your hearth to his throne of grace; and he will never withhold from you his guiding spirit or fatherly blessing.

That you may be able thus to fulfil the vows betwixt you made, and that you may have lasting joy in each other, let us all now join in earnest prayer to Almighty God.

Let us pray.

MOST gracious God, in whom all the families of the earth are blessed; we thank thee that the voice of the bride and of the bridegroom is still heard in the land: and we pray that thy Holy Spirit and heavenly blessing may descend on these thy servants, who have this day pledged their hearts to each other. Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord, that, being united to one another in thy dear Son, they may live together with a true and firm faith, according to thy holy will; and that, when their earthly life is ended, they may be joint partakers of that glorious and eternal inheritance which thou hast revealed to us by Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Lord's Prayer, to be said after the Minister.*

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily

bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say this Benediction:*

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. *Amen.*

THE ORDER FOR

THE VISITATION OF THE SICK.

¶ *The Minister may begin with saying:*

Peace be to this house, and to all that dwell in it.

¶ *Then the Minister may exhort the sick person after one of these Forms, or in any other he may think suitable.*

DEARLY beloved, know this, that Almighty God is the Lord of life and death, and of all things to them pertaining, as youth, strength, health, age, weakness, and sickness. Wherefore, whatsoever your sickness is, know you certainly that it is God's visitation. And for what cause soever this sickness is sent unto you; whether it be to try your patience for the example of others, and that your faith may be found in the day of the Lord laudable, glorious, and honourable, to the increase of glory and endless felicity; or else it be sent unto you to correct and amend in you whatsoever doth offend the eyes of your heavenly Father; know you certainly, that if you truly repent of your sins, and bear your sickness patiently, trusting in God's mercy, as his dear Son

Jesus Christ hath taught us, and render unto him humble thanks for his fatherly visitation, submitting yourself wholly unto his will, it shall turn to your profit, and help you forward in the right way that leadeth unto everlasting life.

A Shorter Exhortation.

DEARLY beloved, you are persuaded that neither sickness nor crosses come by chance to any one.

But you believe that it is God who sendeth them, without whose Providence they fall not on us.

You acknowledge God to be most wise, and to suffer nothing to befal us but for our good.

Acknowledge therefore that this, his present visitation, is for your benefit and say in your heart:

I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right, and that thou, of very faithfulness, hast caused me to be troubled.

Another.

DEARLY beloved, you know and confess that God beareth the affection of a father towards his children. You know also that a father, whether he dote upon his child, or whether he chasten him, continueth a father in both cases; and loveth him in the one no less than in the other.

Think the same of God, as touching yourself: that while he gave you good days, he loved you; and that now he sendeth you some evil, he loveth you still; and would not have sent you this evil, but to be a

cause unto you of greater good; that, being called home thereby, you might be at peace.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say the two Prayers following.*

O LORD, look down from heaven: behold, visit, and relieve this thy servant. Look upon *him* with the eyes of thy mercy; give *him* comfort and sure confidence in thee; support *him* under all the trials of *his* present sickness; relieve *his* pains, if it seem good in thy sight; and keep *him* in perpetual peace and safety through thy great loving-kindness in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

HEAR us, Almighty and most merciful God and Saviour: extend thy accustomed goodness to this thy servant who is grieved with sickness. Sanctify, we beseech thee, this thy fatherly correction to *him;* that the sense of *his* weakness may add strength to *his* faith, and seriousness to *his* repentance; that, if it shall be thy good pleasure to restore *him* to *his* former health, *he* may lead the residue of *his* life in thy fear and to thy glory; or else give *him* grace so to take thy visitation, that, after this life is ended, *he* may dwell with thee and with thy glorified Son in life everlasting. *Amen.*

¶ *Or, instead of these two Prayers, one of the following.*

O LORD, gracious and merciful, dispose the heart of thy servant, we beseech thee, to receive with all meekness this gentle and fatherly correction which thou hast laid upon *him*; that *he* may endure it

patiently and with willing obedience, submitting *himself* with heart and mind to thy holy will. May it please thee of thy great goodness, O Lord, to assist *him* in all *his* anguish and suffering: and although the tongue and voice be not able to execute their office in setting forth thy glory, do thou stir *his* heart to aspire unto thee, the fountain of all goodness; and fill *his* mind with the sweet and blessed promises which thou hast made to us in Christ Jesus thy Son. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, merciful and gracious, thou hast now called thy servant to the fellowship of the cross. Grant, we earnestly beseech thee, that *his* sufferings may be so sanctified by thy grace, as indeed to unite *him* more closely to thy blessed Son. O heavenly Father, support the spirit of thy child who now flies to thee for succour: make *him* ready to receive any fatherly chastening thou shalt see fit to appoint; that *he* may either, upon the return of health, run a new race of holiness and well-doing; or, passing hence by the gate of death, be prepared to enter into the joy of *his* Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then this prayer for forgiveness:*

O MOST merciful God, who, according to the multitude of thy mercies, dost so put away the sins of those who truly repent that thou rememberest them no more; open thine eye of mercy upon this thy servant, who most earnestly desireth pardon and forgiveness. Renew in *him,* most loving Father, whatsoever hath decayed by *his* own carnal will and

frailness. Consider *his* contrition; accept *his* tears; strengthen *him* with thy blessed Spirit; and when it shall be thy will to take *him* hence, receive *him* into thy heavenly presence, and into everlasting fellowship with thy most dearly beloved Son. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Lord's Prayer, to be said by all present after the Minister.*

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then the following may be read; or the* 14*th Chapter of St. John's Gospel; or the* 23*rd Psalm; or, if the sick person be aged, the* 71*st Psalm.*

ST. Paul saith, Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons: for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? Furthermore, we have had fathers of our flesh who corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? These words, good *brother,* are written in holy scripture for our comfort and instruction; that we should patiently, and with thanksgiving, bear our heavenly Father's correction, whensoever by

any manner of adversity it shall please his gracious goodness to visit us. And there should be no greater comfort to Christian persons than to be made like Christ, by suffering patiently adversities, troubles, and sicknesses. For he himself went not up at once to joy, but first he suffered pain; he entered not into his glory, before he was crucified. So truly our way to eternal joy is, to suffer here with Christ; and our door to enter into eternal life is, gladly to die with Christ; that we may rise again from death, and dwell with him in everlasting life.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say this Benediction:*

UNTO God's gracious mercy and protection we commit thee. The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

SHORT PRAYERS

TO BE USED BY THE SICK.

FATHER in heaven, I accept this sickness from thy hands, and entirely resign myself to thy blessed will, whether it be for life or for death. In the spirit of thy Son Jesus Christ may I say, Not my will, but thine be done; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Amen.

O EVER-BLESSED Lord God, I offer up to thee all that I now suffer, or may have yet to suffer, to be united to the sufferings of thy beloved Son, and so sanctified and rendered acceptable to thee. Amen.

O HOLY and ever-blessed Father, I desire to praise thee always, in sickness as well as in health: I desire to join my heart and my voice with the whole Church of heaven and earth, in blessing thy holy name for ever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer for a Sick Child.

O ALMIGHTY God, and merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death; look down from heaven, we humbly beseech thee, with the eyes of mercy upon this child now lying on the bed of sickness. Visit *him*, O Lord, with thy salvation: deliver *him* in thy good appointed time from *his* bodily pain; and if it shall be thy pleasure to prolong *his* days here on earth, grant that *he* may live to thee, serving thee faithfully and doing good in *his* generation: but whenever it may please thee to take away *his* spirit from this world, may *he* be received into those heavenly habitations, where the souls of the righteous enjoy perpetual rest and felicity. Grant this, O Lord, for thy great mercy in Jesus Christ thy Son. *Amen*

A Prayer for a Sick Person when there appear Small Hopes of Recovery.

O FATHER of mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; we fly unto thee for succour in behalf of this thy servant here lying in great weakness of body. Look graciously upon *him*, O Lord; and the more the outward man decayeth, strengthen *him*, we beseech thee, so much the more continually with thy grace and Holy Spirit in the inner man. May a steadfast faith in thy Son Jesus support and comfort *him*. Give *him* unfeigned repentance for all the errors of *his* life past; that *his* sins may be done away by thy mercy, and *his* pardon sealed in heaven, before *he* go hence, and be no more seen. We know, O Lord, that there is no work impossible with thee; and that, if thou wilt, thou canst even yet raise *him* up, and grant *him* a longer continuance amongst us. Yet, forasmuch as in all appearance the time of *his* dissolution draweth near, so fit and prepare *him*, we beseech thee, against the hour of death, that after *his* departure hence in peace, and in thy favour, *his* soul may be received into the joys and blessedness of that glorious immortality which thy Son Jesus Christ hath brought to light. *Amen.*

A Commendatory Prayer for a Sick person at the Point of Departure.

O ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect, after their departure from this world; we humbly commend the soul of

this thy servant, our dear *brother*, into thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator and most merciful heavenly Father; most humbly beseeching thee of thy great love to receive *him* into that better country which thou hast revealed to us by thy Son Jesus Christ. Teach us who survive to see in this and other like instances of mortality, how frail and uncertain our own condition is; and so to number our days, that we may seriously apply our hearts to that holy and heavenly wisdom, which may in the end bring us to life everlasting. *Amen.*

A Prayer for persons Troubled in Mind or in Conscience.

O BLESSED Lord, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comforts; we beseech thee, look down in pity and compassion upon this thy afflicted servant. Thou makest *him* to possess *his* former iniquities: thy hand lieth heavily upon *him;* and *his* soul is full of trouble. But, O merciful God, who hast caused thy holy word to be written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the holy scriptures might have hope; give *him* a right understanding of *himself* and of thy fatherly chastenings; that *he* may neither cast away *his* confidence in thee, nor place it anywhere but in thee. Be thou *his* refuge in temptation, and help *him* in *his* infirmities by thy Holy Spirit. Break not the bruised reed, nor quench the smoking flax. Shut not up thy tender mercies in displeasure; but make *him* to hear of joy and gladness, that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. And as thou forgivest much, so may *he* love much.

Lift up, O Lord, the light of thy countenance upon us, and give us peace, through thy fatherly love in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Collect for the Communion of the Sick.

ALMIGHTY, ever-living God, Maker of mankind, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who dost correct those whom thou dost love, and chasten every one whom thou dost receive; we beseech thee to have mercy upon this thy servant visited with thy hand, and to grant that *he* may take *his* sickness patiently, and recover *his* bodily health, if it be thy gracious will; and whensoever *he* shall be called away from this world, may *he* have part in the joys and blessedness of the life to come. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving for Recovery.

O MOST mighty and gracious God, thy mercy is over all thy works, and hath especially gladdened our hearts in the recovery of our dear *brother* from dangerous sickness. Thou redeemest our life from destruction, and crownest us with loving-kindness and tender mercies. Suffer us not, O Lord, to be in the number of those who are forward to ask in the time of need, but careless to show themselves thankful when mercy is bestowed. Make us as desirous to come unto thee with the sacrifices of praise, as we were ready to beg help and comfort in the day of our necessity; and may we show our thankfulness, not only by words, but by earnest obedience to thy holy commandments.

Grant, we beseech thee, that we may not so love this life, as to be unwilling to leave it when thou callest us; but, living or dying, may we be thine through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A PRAYER THAT MAY BE SAID AFTER A DEATH IN A FAMILY.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, who hast seen fit to take our dear *brother* from this world; grant that we sorrow not as those who have no hope; but that we may put our trust in the promises of holy scripture which saith, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; Yea, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labours, and their works do follow them. May we rest in these words, and in thy fatherly mercy, and wait patiently for that happy reunion, the hope of which is now our sweet comfort. O God, may each of us be among those whose deeds and words show that they seek a country, even our everlasting home. Forgive us wherein we have sinned against thee: fit us to live or to die. O let it be the work of our lives to do thy holy will, and follow after thee as dear children. Hear us, gracious and merciful Lord God, who hast blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. *Amen.*

THE ORDER FOR

THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

¶ *The Minister, meeting the Corpse at the entrance of the Church, and going before it, shall say one or more of these sentences.*

I AM the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. *John* xi. 25, 26.

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. *Job* i. 21.

All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: but the word of the Lord endureth for ever. 1 *Peter* i. 24, 25.

¶ *Then shall be read one of the following Psalms.*

NOTUM FAC. *Ps.* xxxix.

LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.

Behold, thou hast made my days as an hand-breadth;

and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity.

Surely every man walketh in a vain shew: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee.

Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish.

I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because thou didst it.

Remove thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the blow of thine hand.

When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man is vanity.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more.

Domine, Refugium. *Ps.* xc.

LORD, thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

Thou hast set our iniquities before thee; our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

We spend our years as a tale that is told.

The days of our years are three-score years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be four-score years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Make us glad, O Lord, according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil.

Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands, establish thou it.

¶ *Then shall follow this Lesson:*

1 *Cor.* xv. 20.

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

But every man in his own order: Christ the first-fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule, and all authority and power.

For he must reign till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith, all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, who did put all things under him.

And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?

Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:

And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain:

But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed its own body.

All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, another of birds.

There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial:

but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.

There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory.

So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:

It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:

It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.

As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.

And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

Behold, I shew you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last

trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

¶ *Or, instead of the above, the Minister may read one of the following Lessons.*

John xi. 1–46. John xiv. 1 Thess. iv. 13 to v. 11.

¶ *If there be any Address, it may be introduced here. And then the Minister shall say one of the two following Prayers.*

ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered

from the burthen of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; we thank thee for having given to us the dear *brother* whom thou hast now taken away; and for the blessed assurance that, though *he* will not return to us, we shall go to *him*. O grant, we beseech thee, that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of thy holy name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss in thine eternal glory. *Amen.*

Or

LORD God, holy Father, be thou blessed both now and evermore: for all that thou doest is good. Thou hast seen fit to take away one who is dear to us: give us, we beseech thee, the spirit of filial submission. Enable us to say, It is well, for thou didst it. May we feel that thy will is better than anything we can desire for ourselves; and find comfort in holy and happy thoughts of the unseen world. Bring home to our hearts thy Son's promises to those who fall asleep in him.

O Lord, teach us how to live so as to please thee. May nothing cause us to forget that we are pilgrims and sojourners here, as our fathers were; and may we set our chief affections on those things which are above. Merciful Father, forgive us our sins, and raise us from the death of sin to a life of righteousness.

O Lord God, fill our hearts with gratitude for thy great loving-kindness to us. When thou takest away, we see how much thou hast given. We thank thee for the sweet memory of blessings which are for a

season withdrawn from us, and for the many blessings which yet remain, and for hopes which no earthly troubles can overshadow. Hear, accept, and answer these our prayers, which we would offer to thee in the faith and spirit of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Lord's Prayer, to be said after the Minister.*

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *On the Way to the Grave, one of the following Sentences may be said.*

WE know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 *Cor.* v. 1.

I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

For thou wilt not leave my soul in the grave; neither wilt thou suffer thy holy one to see corruption. *Ps.* xvi. 8–10.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. *Ps.* xxiii. 4.

BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

¶ *When they come to the Grave, while the Corpse is made ready to be laid into the earth, the Minister shall say:*

MAN that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live, and is full of trouble. He cometh up, and is cut down like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay. In the midst of life we are in death: of whom may we seek for succour, but of thee, O Lord, in whom our souls do rest and hope?

¶ *When the Body has been lowered into the Grave, the Minister shall say:*

FORASMUCH as it hath pleased God of his great mercy to take unto himself the life of our dear *brother* here departed, we therefore commit *his* body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in sure and certain hope of a resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ; who will change this corruptible body, that it may be like unto his glorious body; according to the mighty working, whereby he is able to subdue all things to himself.

Or

THE dust returns to dust, and the spirit unto God who gave it: therefore do we now commit the body of our dear departed *brother* to the grave; in the blessed hope that as *he* has borne the image of the earthy, so also *he* shall bear the image of the heavenly, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

¶ *Then shall be said:*

I HEARD a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, From henceforth blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labours, and their works do follow them.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say the following Collect:*

O GOD, our heavenly Father, grant that we sorrow not as those who know not the promises of thy holy gospel: but may we look forward to the great gathering of thy faithful servants and children into their everlasting home. O thou in whom we trust, help us by thy grace, that we may live as the heirs of this blessed and glorious hope, which thou hast set before us in thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *And this Benediction:*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Or this:

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds through Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God Almighty be amongst us, and remain with us always. *Amen.*

At the Burial of the Dead at Sea,

¶ *The above Office may be used; only, when the Body is lowered into the Sea, the following words shall be said, instead of those to be said when the Body is lowered into the Ground.*

WE now commit the body of our dear departed *brother* to the deep, in the blessed hope that as *he* has borne the image of the earthy, so also *he* shall bear the image of the heavenly, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS

THAT MAY BE USED AT SEA.

¶ *During a Storm.*

O MOST gracious and merciful Lord God, who dwellest in heaven, but beholdest all things below; look down on us thy servants, who in our great distress cry unto thee for help. Send forth thy word to calm the fury of the waves, which seem ready to swallow us up. Yet, O ever-blessed Father, let not the suddenness of our present extremity find us far away from thee; but may our trust in thee be stronger than our fears, though the waters roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Give us grace, we earnestly beseech thee, that if our lives be spared, we may devote them to thy most holy service as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ; and that if this should be our last day here below, we may through thy mercy be received into the blessed shelter of our everlasting home. *Amen.*

PRAYERS USED AT SEA.

¶ *Thanksgiving after a Storm.*

CONFITEANTUR DOMINO. PS. cvii.

O THAT men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men.

Let them offer unto him the sacrifice of thanksgiving; and declare his works with rejoicing.

They that go down to the sea in ships, and do business in great waters,

These see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.

For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

They mount up to the heaven; they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble.

Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble; and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men.

Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

¶ *Collect of Thanksgiving.*

O MOST mighty and gracious Lord God, thy loving-kindness is over all thy works, but in special manner hath been extended to us, whom thou hast so

powerfully and wonderfully delivered. Thou hast showed us terrible things, and wonders in the deep; and we bless and glorify thy name for thy mercy in saving us, when we were ready to perish. Make us, we beseech thee, as truly sensible now of thy mercy, as we were then of the danger: and give us hearts always ready to express our thankfulness, not only by words, but also by our lives, in being more obedient to thy holy commandments. Bring us, O Lord, to our haven in safety, and fill us with thy Holy Spirit, that we whom thou hast saved may serve thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life, as humble disciples of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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